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1998 SCHEDULE

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Preseason

Fri, Aug. 7	**TENNESSEE**	7:30 p.m.	WAGA
Fri, Aug. 14	at Detroit	7:00 p.m.	WAGA
Sat, Aug. 22	vs. Pittsburgh (at WVU)	6:00 p.m.	WAGA
Fri, Aug. 28	**CINCINNATI**	7:30 p.m.	WAGA

Regular Season

Sun, Sept. 6	at Carolina	1:01 p.m.	WAGA
Sun, Sept. 13	**PHILADELPHIA**	1:01 p.m.	WAGA
Sun, Sept. 20	BYE		
Sun, Sept. 27	at San Francisco	4:15 p.m.	WAGA
Sun, Oct. 4	**CAROLINA**	1:01 p.m.	WAGA
Sun, Oct. 11	at N.Y. Giants	8:20 p.m.	ESPN*
Sun, Oct. 18	**NEW ORLEANS**	1:01 p.m.	WAGA
Sun, Oct. 25	at N.Y. Jets	1:01 p.m.	WAGA
Sun, Nov. 1	**ST. LOUIS**	1:01 p.m.	WAGA
Sun, Nov. 8	at New England	1:01 p.m.	WAGA
Sun, Nov. 15	**SAN FRANCISCO**	1:01 p.m.	WAGA
Sun, Nov. 22	**CHICAGO**	1:01 p.m.	WAGA
Sun, Nov. 29	at St. Louis	1:01 p.m.	WAGA
Sun, Dec. 6	**INDIANAPOLIS**	1:01 p.m.	WGNX
Sun, Dec. 13	at New Orleans	1:01 p.m.	WAGA
Sun, Dec. 20	at Detroit	1:01 p.m.	WAGA
Sun, Dec. 27	**MIAMI**	1:01 p.m.	WGNX

** Nationally Televised Game. Eastern Standard Times Listed*

Post-Season

Jan 2-3	Wild Card Playoff Games	
Jan. 9-10	Divisional Playoff Games	
Jan. 17	Conference Championship Games	
Jan. 31	**Super Bowl XXXII, Miami, FL**	WAGA
Feb. 7	Pro Bowl, Honolulu, HI	WSB

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In Memory of Falcons Owner Rankin Smith

Oct. 29, 1925 – Oct. 26, 1997

From the time in 1946 that he returned from World War II as a combat pilot, Rankin Smith was always working to make his city of Atlanta and his state of Georgia better.

The community-minded citizen was on the Board of Directors of the city during a time long before Atlanta had become the capital of the South. He served on the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Atlanta Better Business Bureau and the Central Atlanta Progress Committee. Many of those goals he and other city pioneers set were the building blocks that put Atlanta on its track to become the leader it is today. If it needed done, Rankin was the type to step up to help. His college roommate, Carl Sanders, went on to become a Governor in the 1960's and Rankin was instrumental in his election. He helped build a stadium to lure pro baseball, then responded quickly to bring America's number one sport, pro football to Atlanta. So much of what Smith did for the community was quiet and behind the scenes. From business decisions to "seed planting" for Olympics, Smith was a friend the city, county and state could count on.

A visionary thinker, Smith got involved with the Fernbank Museum of Natural History, the first major museum built in the U.S. since the 1930's, as he wanted to create a model of a museum for the next century. His first million dollar donation came in 1979, but it didn't stop there. The $43 million facility is a showpiece of the South and a tribute to his behind the scenes dedication.

For his city, he donated millions to the arts, including the Arts Alliance, the Atlanta Symphony, and High Museum of Art. For education, he donated over a million dollars to Lovett School, to Atlanta University, to Reinhardt College, to Georgia, to Emory, to Georgia Tech.

For children, he always stepped forward.....He created a Falcons Youth Foundation, the first of its kind in pro sports in this city, to help and has benefitted over 200 children's charities since.....His team the past four years has been honored by the Humanitarian Hall of Fame for its work. With NFL charities, he and his fellow owners have done incredible deeds for this area and the whole country.

His love for nature and the outdoors was also a passion...From his State Game and Fish commission post over 35 years ago, he was a pioneer in stocking the Chattahoochee River with trout....For Ducks Unlimited, a pioneer in restoration and preservation, Smith has been one of their silent leaders. They created a "Quiet Leader Award" years ago in his honor for his unselfish giving of time and money.

Smith touched thousands of individual Atlantans personally, but affected all others as a pioneer in the growth of this city. All those who knew him as a person understood how big his heart was. All those who saw him only as an NFL football owner never really knew him.

Coaches / Front Office

DAN REEVES

Executive VP of Football Operations/ Head Coach

"One thing about this group is that we never stopped trying to win (last year). We were always trying to get better and that gave us hope. When you see that, you know you have the right kind of people and you can build on it."

Building a solid foundation for the Falcons' future is the task of the NFL's winningest active coach Dan Reeves. The foundation began last season when Reeves' team won seven of their final 11 games, including five victories in-a-row, to finish with one of the best second half records in the NFL. The 6-2 second half record put the birds in select company as one of just three teams since '78 (when the NFL switched to 16 games) to fight back from a 1-7 start to finish strong. The Falcons under Reeves' direction made great strides in '97 such as learning what it takes to win on the road, as they captured three road wins in-a-row for the first time since '86 and the four road victories overall were the most in six seasons.

Atlanta's four-game improvement in wins over the '96 season was tied for the 3rd best turnaround in the NFL. The hard working message that Reeves preached proved to be a winning formula for success and even reaped the Georgia native credit for "the best coaching job" in the NFC West by one publication and coach-of-the-year votes by another news service. With Reeves' guidance the Falcons improvement was witnessed in all areas from offense to defense to special teams. *"Hopefully, the fans can see the discipline, effort and the attitude of our players."*

As the person in charge of making all the football decisions in Suwanee, the 54 year-old product of Americus, Ga. boasts a lengthy and successful resume to draw from.

Reeves' athletic career began as the MVP of the Georgia High School All-Star game in Atlanta and successfully continued at the college level, culminating into an induction into South Carolina's Hall of Fame (1962-64). His next role would be carving out a niche on legendary Tom Landry's Dallas Cowboys teams for seven seasons as a running back. Landry realized Reeves would make a good "player-coach" and then hired him as a full-time assistant. His training in Dallas was the impetus for becoming the youngest head coach in the NFL at 37 with the Denver Broncos in '81.

He captured 10 games as a rookie coach in Denver and now is among the top 10 in League history in victories (156). His winning years with the Broncos included five AFC West titles, four AFC Championship game appearances, and three Super Bowls. His team in Denver won 10 games or more in a season seven times and he amassed a 72-21 record at Mile High Stadium, the best home mark in the NFL over that span. Reeves has honored as the NFL's "Coach-of-the-Year" at both Denver in '84 and with the New York Giants in '93. He was named AFC Coach-of-the-Year on three occasions in '84, '89, and '91. In his first year in New York in '93 he compiled an 11-5 record, the eighth overall season in his illustrious career with 10 or more wins.

Dan Reeves' winning background has taken him to the ultimate heights of his profession. He's competed in 45 Playoff games, 15 as head coach, 16 as an assistant, six as a player-coach, and eight as a player. Reeves has been an active participant in eight of 32 Super Bowls played. His first Super Bowl ring came as a player in '71, and also has included a Super Bowl championship as an assistant coach in '77.

The Reeves Coaching Capsule

"He was one of the strongest competitors I ever had, which gave him a bit of an edge. Very few players possessed his type of understanding of what's going on."

– Former Cowboys Head Coach Tom Landry

• With the Broncos he coached team atop the AFC West standings 5 times and finished with 3 2nd place showings.

• 5 Time Coach-of-the-Year, including AFC's top award on three occasions (1982, '88, '91).

• His '84 Denver club set a new record with 10 consecutive wins.

• The '85 team set offensive records for Total Offense and points scored in an 11-5 campaign.

• In '86 the Broncos established 35 team and individual club records in an 11-5 season with a record six in-a-row to start the season.

• Despite numerous injuries coached Denver to a 10-4-1 record and second consecutive AFC West title in '87. Among various records set were most Total Offensive yards with 5,624 and most games scoring 20 or more points with 12.

• Ended the '80's with 4th AFC West crown and 3rd Super Bowl appearance in four years.

• Rebounded from 8-8 mark to post 12-4 record with another Division title in '91, but lost AFC Championship game by a field goal.

• Turned around Giants in his first season going from 6-10 the previous year to 11-5 and a Playoff berth to win NFL "Coach-of-the- Year" honors.

• Coordinated the Cowboys offense for an average of 25 points per game in winning Super Bowl XII in '79. In his last season in Dallas in '80 his offense produced an average of 28 points per contest for a team which advanced to NFC Championship game.

TOP TWENTY COACHES IN CAREER VICTORIES
(At the start of the 1997 season)

	COACH	YRS.	Regular Season W	L	T	PCT.	Postseason W	L	PCT.	Career W	L	T	PCT.
1	DON SHULA (Colts, Dolphins)	33	328	156	6	.676	19	17	.528	347	173	6	.665
2	GEORGE HALAS (Bears)	40	318	148	31	.671	6	3	.667	324	151	31	.671
3	TOM LANDRY (Cowboys)	29	250	162	6	.605	20	16	.556	270	178	6	.601
4	CURLY LAMBEAU (Packers, Cardinals, 'Skins)	33	226	132	22	.624	3	2	.600	229	134	22	.623
5	CHUCK NOLL (Steelers)	23	193	148	1	.566	16	8	.667	209	156	1	.572
6	CHUCK KNOX (Rams, Bills, Seahawks)	22	186	147	1	.558	7	11	.389	193	158	1	.550
7	PAUL BROWN (Browns, Bengals)	21	166	100	6	.621	4	8	.333	170	108	6	.609
8	BUD GRANT (Vikings)	18	158	96	5	.620	10	12	.455	168	108	5	.607
9	**DAN REEVES (Broncos, Giants, Falcons)**	**17**	**148**	**115**	**1**	**.563**	**8**	**7**	**.533**	**156**	**122**	**1**	**.561**
10	MARV LEVY (Chiefs, Bills)	17	143	102	0	.584	11	8	.579	154	120	0	.562
11	STEVE OWEN (Giants)	23	151	100	17	.595	2	8	.200	153	108	17	.581
12	MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER (Browns, Chiefs)	14	138	76	1	.644	5	11	.313	143	87	1	.621
13	JOE GIBBS (Redskins)	12	124	60	0	.674	16	5	.762	140	65	0	.683
14	HANK STRAM (Chiefs, Saints)	17	131	97	10	.571	5	3	.625	136	100	10	.573
15	WEEB EWBANK (Colts, Jets)	20	130	129	7	.502	4	1	.800	134	130	7	.507
16	BILL PARCELLS (Giants, Patriots, Jets)	13	118	88	1	.573	10	5	.667	128	93	1	.579
17	SID GILLMAN (Rams, Chargers, Oilers)	18	122	99	7	.550	1	5	.167	123	104	7	.541
18	MIKE DITKA (Bears, Saints)	12	112	72	0	.609	6	6	.500	118	78	0	.602
	GEORGE ALLEN (Rams, Redskins)	12	116	47	5	.705	2	7	.222	118	54	5	.681
20	DON CORYELL (Cardindals, Chargers)	14	111	83	1	.572	3	6	.333	114	89	1	.561

Personal Resume

Dan Reeves

Born: Jan. 19, 1944, Rome, Georgia, moved to farm near Americus, Ga. (when six weeks old)

High School: Americus, Class of '61
Football - Broke collarbone as senior quarterback but returned weeks later to help team beat eventual state champs. MVP of Ga. H.S. All-Star game in Atlanta.
Basketball - Helped capture state basketball title as guard by hitting four free throws late in game.
Baseball - Played on state baseball champion as starting left fielder.

College: South Carolina...1962-64...Quarterback...2nd team All-ACC under Coach Marvin Bass...Set 10 school records...Passed for 2,561 yards on 221-441 with 16 TD's...3 100-yard rushing games for 3,376 total yards...Inducted into USC Hall of Fame.

NFL: Undrafted free agent with Dallas Cowboys...1965-72...Rookie with QB's Craig Morton & Jerry Rhome and DT Jethro Pugh...Teammate and assistant coach with Mike Ditka...First Cowboy to ever score 4 TD's in a game ('67)...Held record for most TD's in a season (16) in '66 until Emmitt Smith broke it in '92...Rushed 535 for 1,990 yards with 25 TD's...Caught 129 passes for 1,693 yards with 17 TD's...Completed 14 of 32 for 370 yards and 2 TD's.

Family: Married (33 years) high school sweetheart, Pam. Three grown children; daughters Dana, Laura, and one son, Lee. Three granddaughters; Caitlin, Ashley, Morgan...Mother, Ann, and father, Charles Edward (Edd)...Mother still lives in Americus...Two brothers, Charles, graduate of Ga. Tech (President of T Club) and Butch, graduate & football player at South Carolina...Sister, JoAnn, graduate of Georgia...Voted into Georgia Hall of Fame..."I really can't remember when family wasn't important to me."

Football Influences: Cowboys Hall of Fame Coach Tom Landry...USC Head Coach Marv Bass...High School coach Jimmy Hightower.

"Everything I've really accomplished as far as coaching is concerned is definitely related to what I learned from Coach Landry. I had no ambitions of ever coaching until I was around him."

Reeves' NFL Record

Regular Season

Year	Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct	Finish
1981	Denver	10	6	0	.625	2nd, AFC West
1982	Denver	2	7	0	.222	12th, AFC
1983	Denver	9	7	0	.563	3rd, AFC West (Wild Card)
1984	Denver	13	3	0	.813	AFC West Champion
1985	Denver	11	5	0	.688	2nd, AFC West
1986	Denver	11	5	0	.688	AFC West Champion
1987	Denver	10	4	1	.700	AFC West Champion
1988	Denver	8	8	0	.500	2nd, AFC West
1989	Denver	11	5	0	.688	AFC West Champion
1990	Denver	5	11	0	.313	5th, AFC West
1991	Denver	12	4	0	.750	AFC West Champion
1992	Denver	8	8	0	.500	3rd, AFC West
1993	N.Y. Giants	11	5	0	.688	2nd, NFC East
1994	N.Y. Giants	9	7	0	.563	2nd, NFC East
1995	N.Y. Giants	5	11	0	.313	4th, NFC East
1996	N.Y. Giants	6	10	0	.375	5th, NFC East
1997	Atlanta	7	9	0	.438	3rd, NFC West
Totals:	**(17 Years)**	**148**	**115**	**1**	**.563**	

Post-Season

Year	Team	Won	Lost	Finish
1983	Denver	0	1	Lost at Seattle (Wild Card)
1984	Denver	0	1	Lost to Pittsburgh (Div. Playoff)
1986	Denver	2	1	Def. N.E., Def. Clev, Lost in SB (Giants)
1987	Denver	2	1	Def. Hou, Def. Clev, Lost in SB (Wash)
1989	Denver	2	1	Def. Pitt, Def. Clev, Lost in SB (S.F.)
1991	Denver	1	1	Def. Hou, Lost at Buff (AFC title game)
1993	N.Y. Giants	1	1	Def. Minn, Lost at S.F. (Div. Playoff)
Playoff Totals:		**8**	**7**	**3 Super Bowl Appearances**

REEVES, THE PLAYER AND ASSISTANT COACH

1965-69 ..... Running Back ..... Dallas Cowboys
1970-71 ..... Player/Coach ..... Dallas Cowboys
1972 ..... RB's Coach ..... Dallas Cowboys
1974 ..... Special Teams Coach ..... Dallas Cowboys
1975-76 ..... RB's Coach ..... Dallas Cowboys
1977-80 ..... Offensive Coordinator ..... Dallas Cowboys

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The winningest active coach with 148 regular-season victories
- Led Falcons to 6-2 finish in 1998 as one of NFL's hottest coaches
- AFC Coach-of-the-Year in 1982, '88, and '91
- Reached 3 Super Bowls, 4 AFC Championship Games, 5 AFC West Titles
- Compiled 10 winning seasons, two .500 seasons
- Participated in 45 playoff games and 8 Super Bowls as NFL player/coach
- Took Giants from 6-10 to 11-5 and playoffs in first season in N.Y.
- One of only two NFL coaches in 1980's to take team to back-to-back Super Bowls
- Posted 72-21 (77%) winning mark at Mile High Stadium

Reeves vs. the NFL

REGULAR SEASON

	Overall			Home			Away		
AFC East	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**
Buffalo	2	6	0	0	1	0	2	5	0
Indianapolis	7	1	0	4	0	0	3	1	0
Miami	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
N.E.	6	1	0	5	1	0	1	0	0
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
TOTALS	**19**	**11**	**0**	**10**	**4**	**0**	**9**	**7**	**0**
AFC Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**
Cincinnati	5	1	0	5	0	0	0	1	0
Clev/Balt	7	2	0	3	1	0	4	1	0
Houston	4	2	0	2	1	0	2	1	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	2	2	0	3	1	0
TOTALS	**21**	**8**	**0**	**12**	**4**	**0**	**9**	**4**	**0**
AFC West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**
Denver	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kansas City	15	9	0	11	1	0	4	8	0
Oakland	10	15	0	6	7	0	4	8	0
San Diego	16	10	0	10	3	0	6	7	0
Seattle	13	13	0	9	3	0	4	10	0
TOTALS	**54**	**48**	**0**	**36**	**15**	**0**	**18**	**33**	**0**
AFC TOTALS	***94***	***67***	***0***	***58***	***23***	***0***	***36***	***44***	***0***
NFC East	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**
Arizona	7	4	0	4	1	0	3	3	0
Dallas	3	7	0	3	3	0	0	4	0
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Philadelphia	6	7	0	3	4	0	3	3	0
Washington	8	3	0	4	1	0	4	2	0
TOTALS	**25**	**23**	**0**	**15**	**10**	**0**	**10**	**13**	**0**
NFC Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**
Chicago	2	5	0	1	2	0	1	3	0
Detroit	4	3	0	2	1	0	2	2	0
Green Bay	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1
Minnesota	4	3	0	3	1	0	1	2	0
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	**14**	**13**	**1**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**5**	**8**	**1**
NFC West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**
Atlanta	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Carolina	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
New Orleans	5	3	0	3	1	0	2	2	0
San Francisco	3	3	0	2	1	0	1	2	0
St. Louis	5	2	0	3	0	0	2	2	0
TOTALS	**15**	**12**	**0**	**8**	**2**	**0**	**6**	**8**	**0**
NFC TOTALS	***54***	***48***	***1***	***30***	***16***	***0***	***19***	***25***	***1***
NFL TOTALS	**148**	**115**	**1**	**91**	**42**	**0**	**57**	**73**	**1**

Rich Brooks

Asst. Head Coach/ Defensive Coordinator

Rich deserves much of the credit for the impressive turnaround of the Falcons defense last year. The unit improved in EVERY single category from '96, including moving from 27th overall to 20th in '97. The defense held opponents to 17 points or less in five of the seven victories, boasted the 8th best rushing defense in the NFL, and registered the second-most sacks with a club record 55. Brooks spent the '95-96 seasons as the Head Coach of the St. Louis Rams before directing the defense in Atlanta. He was the Head Coach at the University of Oregon for 18 seasons prior to returning to the League. His program enjoyed four Bowl appearances in his final six seasons, including a trip to the Rose Bowl in '94 as PAC 10 champions. The '94 National Coach-of-the-Year and PAC-10 Coach-of-the-Year staked the Ducks to a final ranking of 9th in the nation in '94. Oregon's playing field at Autzen Stadium was renamed after Brooks before the '95 campaign as a tribute to his successful coaching career, which also included three years as Athletic Director. Richard L. Brooks was born August 20, 1941 in Forest, CA. and was a four-sport athlete at Nevada Union High in Grass Valley, CA. He played QB and DB under Coach Tommy Prothro at Oregon State and earned a masters degree in Education at Oregon State while working as the assistant freshman coach. He and his wife, Karen, have four children: Denny, Brady, Kasey, and Kerri.

Coaching Background

1997-98: Asst. Head Coach/Def. Coordinator, Atlanta Falcons
1995-96: Head Coach, St. Louis Rams
1977-94: Head Coach, University of Oregon
1976: Linebackers, UCLA (Terry Donahue)
1974-75: DB and Special Teams, SF 49ers (Dick Nolan)
1973: Def. Coordinator, Oregon State (Dee Andros)
1971-72: Special Teams, LA Rams (Tommy Prothro)
1970: Linebackers, UCLA (Tommy Prothro)
1965-69: Defensive Line, Oregon State (Dee Andros)

George Sefcik

Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs

George produced another 1,000 rusher last year in Jamal Anderson and guided an offense that controlled the line of scrimmage by finishing 6th in the NFL in time of possession with 21 drives of 10 or more plays. The experienced Sefcik will begin his 26th season in the League's coaching ranks in '98. In New York all-time rusher Rodney Hampton produced three of his five career 1,000-yard seasons with Sefcik's direction. The Giants rushing game was tops in the NFL in '93 with 138.1 yards per game. With his influence the Cincinnati Bengals advanced to Super Bowl XVI behind 1,000-yard rusher Pete Johnson. His running back corps in '75 gained more yardage and scored more touchdowns than any unit in team history. George was born on December 27, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio, where he helped lead Benedictine High School to the state title in '58. He was a three-year letterman as a two-way halfback for Notre Dame from 1959-61, taking handoffs from Daryle Lamonica. Sefcik began his coaching career by spending six years at Notre Dame under the legendary Ara Parseghian and was on the staff at Kentucky for four seasons before coming to the NFL. Sefcik and his wife, Lorie, have three children.

Coaching Background

1997-98: Offensive Coordinator/RB's, Atlanta Falcons
1993-96: Running Backs, NY Giants (Dan Reeves)
1991-92: Wide Receivers, NY Giants (Ray Handley)
1989-90: Running Backs, Cleveland (Bud Carson)
1988: Offensive Coordinator, Kansas City (Frank Gansz)
1984-87: Running Backs, QB, Green Bay Packers (Forrest Gregg)
1978-83: Running Backs, Cincinnati (Homer Rice/Forrest Gregg)
1975-77: RB's, Cleveland Browns (Forrest Gregg/Sam Rutigliano)
1973-74: Offensive Coach, Baltimore Colts (Howard Schnellenberger)

Art Shell

Offensive Line

Art Shell's presence commands respect among all the Falcons and he will continue to mold his offensive line in his second season. His first unit in Atlanta enabled the birds to post the 6th best time of possession mark in the NFL en route to providing a time advantage in 10 out of 16 games. His forces opened up holes for a 1,000 yard rusher with Jamal Anderson and allowed protection so QB Chris Chandler could have a Pro Bowl year with the second-best QB rating in the League. From '95-96, Shell tutored the line for Kansas City who led the NFL in rushing one season (in '95) and were fourth in that department in '96. Art's line surrendered just 21 sacks in '95, the third lowest total in the League and the second lowest mark in KC's history. The head coach of the Raiders from' 89-94, Shell boasted 54-38 record. His team captured an AFC West title with a 12-4 mark in '90 and marched into the second round of the playoffs in '93 after a 10-6 record. Art won a Super Bowl ring as a Raiders assistant in '83 on the offensive line in his first stint on the sidelines. He was also a member of two Super Bowl Champions during his playing days with the Raiders. He reached the pinnacle by being inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame for his stellar 15-year 207 game career on Aug. 5, 1989. He was selected for eight Pro Bowls and missed just six regular season games in his career. Shell, born Nov. 26, 1946, attended Bond-Wilson H.S. in Charleston before attending Maryland State College. He earned All-America honors in '66 and '67 while playing both offensive and defensive line at Maryland State. Art and his wife, Janice, have two sons, Arthur III, and Christopher.

Coaching Background

1997-98: Offensive Line, Atlanta Falcons
1995-96: Offensive Line, Kansas City (Marty Schottenheimer)
1989-94: Head Coach, Raiders
1983-88: Offensive Line, Raiders (Flores/Shanahan)

Don Blackmon

Linebackers

Don will share his wealth of linebacker knowledge learned through a seven year playing career and from an 8-year coaching career onto newcomer Keith Brooking and the rest of his linebackers again in '98. Blackmon was a stalwart linebacker for seven years with the New England Patriots from '81-87. He started to coach the position in '88 under Hall of Famer Raymond Berry. Don moved on to the Cleveland Browns in '91 before Dan Reeves hired him in New York in '93. This former fourth round draft pick started 72-of-89 games played and totaled 541 tackles, 30.5 sacks.

and five interceptions in his outstanding career before a neck injury forced him to retire. He was a member of the Patriots' AFC title team in '86 which played in Super Bowl XX against Chicago. A three-time all-conference choice at Tulsa, he was named to the school's Hall of Fame. The 40 year-old Blackmon and his wife, Jacqueline, have two daughters, Candice and Tiffany, and a son, Don II.

Coaching Background

1997-98: Linebackers, Atlanta Falcons
1993-96: Linebackers, NY Giants (Reeves)
1991: Linebackers, Browns (Bill Belichick)
1988-90: Linebackers, Patriots (Raymond Berry, Rod Rust)
1981-87: Linebacker, Patriots

Jack Burns

Quarterbacks

Jack embarks on his second season in Atlanta and 9th overall in the pro coaching ranks fresh off a Pro Bowl season for Chris Chandler. Burns was instrumental in helping Chandler develop into the second-highest rated QB in the NFL in '97 as he tossed a TD in 12 consecutive games and finished with a low INT. % of just 2.04, 5th lowest ever by a Falcon QB. His 23 years of coaching experience has included a stint with the Redskins from '89-91 when they captured a Super Bowl win. He moved on to offensive coordinator with the Vikings in '92 and engineered the 4th best offense in the League. Jack has coached Pro Bowlers Cris Carter, Anthony Carter, and Roger Craig in Minnesota and the prolific receiving threesome of Art Monk, Gary Clark, and Ricky Sanders. His college coaching resume began in Florida in '71 and extended to the campuses of Louisville, Texas, Vanderbilt, and Auburn. He broke into the pro's with the Tampa Bay Bandits under Steve Spurrier in the USFL. Born Jan. 3, 1949, he was a defensive back at Florida from '67-70. He and his wife, Robin, have two children, Chase and McKenzie.

Coaching Background

1997-98: Quarterbacks, Atlanta Falcons
1992-93: Off. Coordinator/QB, Vikings (Dennis Green)
1989-91: Offensive Assistant/WR, Redskins (Joe Gibbs)
1981-83: RB/WR - Tampa Bay Bandits (Steve Spurrier)

James Daniel

Tight Ends

After four years with the New York Giants, James made the move to Atlanta and began to develop '97 third round choice O.J. Santiago. Santiago was a rookie starter thanks to Daniel's tutelage and was making promising strides until a broken leg ended his season. His coaching career began in the SEC with Auburn as he taught the offensive line for the Tigers under Pat Dye for 12 seasons. His successful time at Auburn included nine postseason Bowl games and over a dozen of his lineman were afforded All-SEC honors and four were deemed All-American's. James received his first taste of pro coaching through the NFL's Fellowship Program in '88 with the Saints and in '92 with the Broncos. His early experience came at Enterprise (AL) High School from '74-80 as 11 of his offensive linemen earned college scholarships. Daniel was a three-year starter and four-year letterwinner at Alabama State from '70-73. Born Jan. 17, 1953, he and his wife, Myris, live in Suwanee.

Coaching Background

1997-98: Tight Ends, Atlanta Falcons
1993-96: Tight Ends, NY Giants (Dan Reeves)
1981-92: Offensive Line, Auburn (Pat Dye)

Joe DeCamillis

Special Teams

Joe was in charge of one of the best special teams units in the NFL in his first season in Atlanta. His special teams saw improvement by leading the NFL in punt coverage, ending up second in kickoff coverage, returning two kickoffs for TD's, setting records for most forced fair catches, and blocking three kicks. The 2.6 punt return average forced by the Falcons' coverage units established a new team record for the lowest ever. On the heels of these accomplishments DeCamillis' units finished #5 overall in the League by a ranking of all special teams categories. In '96 with the Giants his special teams led the NFL with 32 punts downed inside the 20-yard line and the punt return unit was #6 in the NFL (11.4 average) with two touchdowns scored. DeCamillis' pro experience has included four years in New York and five years in Denver where he served as defensive quality control and assistant special teams coach. Joe was an all-state quarterback and wrestler at Arvada (Co.) High School and went on to become an All-America wrestler at Wyoming. Joe, 33, and his wife, Dana, have two daughters, Caitlin and Ashley.

Coaching Background

1997-98: Special Teams, Atlanta Falcons
1993-96: Special Teams, N.Y. Giants (Dan Reeves)
1988-92: Assistant Coach, Denver Broncos (Dan Reeves)

Bill Kollar

Defensive Line

The success of Bill's defensive line last year was a testament to the hard working efforts and prodding of their intense coach. Kollar's line contributed 43 out of a team record 55 QB sacks to rewrite the team's record books. His unit was also directly responsible for the club record 10 sacks at New Orleans and played a huge role in allowing opponents an average of only 104 rushing yards per game to finish 8th overall in the NFL in that department. But getting the most out of his players is nothing new to Kollar. His '95 line sent a player to the Pro Bowl and proved again to be one of the toughest against the run in the League (9th). His coaching has produced a Defensive Rookie-of-the-Year and two All-Rookie selections in Atlanta. Bill was a first round pick of the Bengals in '74 NFL draft and competed for three seasons in Cincinnati which included an All-Rookie first year. He closed out his consistent career in Tampa Bay as he started at every position along the line from '77-81. During his playing days he was a member of three playoff teams, including the Bucs '79 team which played in the NFC Championship game. Kollar's college success included an All-American selection, three Big Sky nods and an MVP of the Senior Bowl Game while at Montana State. Born Nov. 27, 1952, he and his wife, Jan, have two sons, Chad, a senior defensive back at SMU, and Clint, a junior defensive back at Harvard.

Coaching Background

1990-98: Atlanta - Defensive Line (Reeves, Glanville, Jones)
1988-89: Purdue - Defensive Line (Fred Akers)
1985-87: Illinois - Defensive Line (Mike White)
1984: T.B. - Asst Def. Line/Special Teams (John McKay)

Ron Meeks

Secondary

Ron's hands-on tutoring of the Falcons secondary was a positive step for the unit that dramatically improved in '97. Under his direction, the secondary jumped to 6th in the League in interceptions up from 30th in '96. Meeks' unit also held five passers under 50% and six opponents under 200 yards passing while helping the defense post three shutouts. The secondary finished 20th in his first season which was up from 27th in '96 and his unit's tight coverage also aided in the club record 55 QB sacks. Ron coached the defensive backs for the Bengals for five seasons before accepting the challenge in Atlanta. His charges in Cincinnati led the NFL in interceptions with 34 interceptions in his final season in '96. One of his pupils, Ashley Ambrose, (8 thefts) was named the AFC Defensive Back of the Year. The Bengals ended up second in the League in pass defense in '93. After a stellar playing career at Arkansas State, he performed as a cornerback for five seasons in the Canadian Football League with Hamilton, Ottawa, and Toronto. His college coaching time was spent at stopovers in Miami, New Mexico State, Fresno State and his alma mater. Former Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson lured him to Dallas for his first pro coaching job. Ron, born Aug. 27, 1954, is a product of Jacksonville, FL, where he attended Robert E. Lee High School. His sister, Majorie Brown, is the Post Master General in Atlanta and another sister, Andrena Meeks, is a fashion designer in Atlanta.

Coaching Background

1997-98: Secondary, Atlanta Falcons
1992-96: Defensive Backs, Cincinnati (David Shula)
1991: Assistant, Dallas Cowboys (Jimmy Johnson)

Al Miller

Strength and Conditioning

Al will begin his 15th NFL season in '98 in the area of improving players strength and conditioning. He has been by Dan Reeves' side since '85 in Denver. Miller's program helped the Broncos advance to three Super Bowls before changing his NFL address to New York in '93. Al served the role as the strength coach for Alabama under the legendary "Bear" Bryant from '82-84. He also worked in that same capacity at Mississippi State in '80 and at Northeast Louisiana in '81. He was a teammate of ex-Falcon RB Joe Profit at Northeast Louisiana. This four-year letterman received the ultimate compliment when he was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in '92 at Northeast Louisiana for his exploits as a wide receiver. He earned his Master's degree from Louisiana Tech in '74. Al, 51, and his wife, Janis, have a son, Carey Brian, and a daughter, Lisa.

Coaching Background

1997-98: Strength and Conditioning, Atlanta Falcons
1993-96: Strength and Conditioning, NY Giants (Dan Reeves)
1985-1992: Strength and Conditioning, Denver (Dan Reeves)
1982-1984: Strength Coach, Alabama (Bear Bryant and Ray Perkins)

Rennie Simmons

Wide Receivers

Rennie is a 16-year veteran of the NFL with the Redskins, Rams, Oilers and Falcons. His receivers were able to help the offense finish among the best in the NFL in passing TD's with 26 and his starting wide outs were one of the top pass catching duo's in the League with 15 TD's. Simmons came to Atlanta after working as the offensive line coach for the Houston Oilers for one season. Two of his linemen, Bruce Matthews and Mark Stepnoski, were voted to the Pro Bowl under his guidance. While with the Redskins, he was a part of a prolific offense which set records and advanced to the Super Bowl on four occasions while coming away with three World Championships. With the "Hogs" line in Washington, he coached All-Pro's Joe Jacoby and Mark May as they led the NFL in fewest sacks allowed with nine in '91. Rennie's receivers also included the likes of Art Monk, Gary Clark, and Ricky Sanders. Simmons was a center at San Diego State under Coach Don Coryell and was a teammate of Joe Gibbs. He was chosen as the team's "Most Inspirational Player" one season. Warren 'Rennie' grew up in Santa Fe, CA and attended Santa Fe H.S. with Gibbs. Rennie, 56, and his wife, Carol, have two children, Rod and Karen.

Coaching Background

1997-98: Wide Receivers, Atlanta Falcons
1996: Offensive Line, Houston (Jeff Fisher)
1994: Tight Ends, Rams (Chuck Knox)
1992-93: Receivers, Washington (Joe Gibbs)
1990-91: Offensive Line, Washington (Joe Gibbs)
1981-89: Tight Ends, Washington (Joe Gibbs)

Tim Jorgensen

Asst. Strength & Conditioning

Tim heads into his 12th season with the Falcons after coming to Atlanta in '87. Jorgensen will continue to help oversee the Falcons' yearly physical development program. Jorgensen was the Eagles' first Strength and Conditioning coach for three seasons from '84-86 prior to making the move to the South. Tim is a respected speaker and also teaches clinics as well as seminars about strength and conditioning throughout Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Florida. Before lending his expertise in the pro ranks, Jorgensen was the strength coach at LSU for four years. While with the Tigers he organized weight training programs for all of the school's athletic teams, as well as fulfilling the role as the director of the Louisiana chapter of the National Strength Coaches Association. Tim remains an active participant of the National Speed and Explosion Association, and the Professional Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association. Tim, 43, is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State and hails from St. Louis, Mo. He played football and track in college after attending Jennings High School in the area. He and his wife, Cindy, have three children, Jaclyn, Jessica, and Jake.

Coaching Background

1987-98: Atlanta Falcons (Campbell, Glanville, Jones, Reeves)
1984-86: Philadelphia Eagles (Marion Campbell)
1980-83: Louisiana State University (Jerry Stovall)
1979: University of Alabama (Bear Bryant)
1977-78: SW Missouri State University

Brian Xanders

Defensive Quality Control

Brian heads into his second season as a member of the Falcons coaching staff. Xanders' background reveals a wide variety of football experience. He assists the defensive staff by breaking down all opponent film, executing computer and statistical analysis, game/practice productivity reports, and weekly game plans. During the off-season, he also helps the information systems department in program development such as salary cap analysis, player personnel and has been a key player in developing and maintaining the team's official web site. Brian played linebacker for Bobby Bowden at Florida State and was a member of four Bowl winning teams, compiling a 42-7 record. He was twice named Defensive Scout Team MVP and earned six Player-of-the-Week honors. Xanders earned All-ACC Academic honors and graduated in the top 10 percent of his Master's of Business Administration class. The 27-year-old Xanders also owns a bachelor's degree in Management and Marketing. He married the former Amy Asher on May 23rd and the couple currently lives in Atlanta.

Coaching Background

1997-98: Defensive Quality Control, Atlanta Falcons

Ed West

Offensive Quality Control

Ed lends his 14 years and 211 games of NFL experience as a tight end into a new area of coaching. West culminated a standout career in Atlanta last season that saw him reach 237 career pass receptions for 2,665 yards with 27 touchdowns. He played 11 seasons in a Packers uniform with 104 starts and ranked second in team history with 202 catches. His most productive pass catching seasons came in '93 and '94 with 25 and 31, respectively, but he also made an impact in the running game over the years with his solid blocks. Ed was a three-year starter for the Auburn Tigers and hauled in 42 passes for 553 yards in college. As a senior, he was the team's leading receiver as the 11-1 Tigers captured an SEC crown and a berth in the Sugar Bowl. West will work with the offensive coaching staff and continue to be a strong influence on TE O.J. Santiago and in the Falcons' locker room. Ed, 37, and his wife, Kecia, have two daughters, Jennifer and Whitley and a son, Edward Lee IV.

Coaching Background

1998: Offensive Quality Control, Atlanta Falcons

Falcons Head Coaching History

Coach	Year	Record	Yrs in Playoffs
Norb Hecker	1966-68	4-26-1	0
Norm Van Brocklin	1968-74	37-49-3	0
Marion Campbell	1974-76, '87-89	17-51-0	0
Leeman Bennett	1977-82	47-44-0	3
Dan Henning	1983-86	22-41-1	0
Jerry Glanville	1990-93	28-38-0	1
June Jones	1994-96	19-29-0	1
Dan Reeves	1997	7-9-0	0

Marvin Bass

Assistant To Head Coach/Pro Personnel

Marvin will again lend his over 40 years of football experience to the Falcons' coaching staff and Pro Personnel departments for a second season. This former head coach at South Carolina served in the capacity of a special assistant with the Denver Broncos for 10 seasons. Bass' other role with the Broncos was as an offensive line coach in '84. One of his other pro coaching assignments came as the defensive coordinator with the Calgary Stampeders of the CFL from '78-81. This product of Norfolk, VA. was the Head Coach of the Birmingham franchise of the World Football League and was a member of the Buffalo Bills' coaching staff from '69-71 and '75-77. Marvin's extensive football career has included coaching at the collegiate level at North Carolina, Georgia Tech, Richmond, and William & Mary. His football experience has also included an All-American playing career for the Tribe of William & Mary in '44.

All-Time Assistant Coaches Roster

April, Bobby 1991-93
Armstrong, Keith 1994-96
Barnes, Billy Ray 1971-74
Bass, Marvin 1997-98
Bates, Jim 1994
Beightol, Larry 1985-86
Blackmon, Don 1997
Brasher, Tommy 1986-89
Brooks, Rich 1997-98
Brown, Greg 1994
Bruney, Fred 1969-76
..... 1986-89
Burns, Jack 1997-98
Campbell, Marion 1969-74
Campbell, Scott 1987-89
Carpenter, Lew 1967-68
Carr, Jimmy 1990-93
Champion, Jim 1977-79
Christiansen, Jack 1983
Clausen, Chuck 1986-89
Crutchfield, Bill 1967
Crosby, Steve 1983-84
..... 1986-89
Daniel, James 1997-98
Davis, Mouse 1994-96
DeCamillis, Joe 1997
Dickson, George 1966
Dostal, George 1983-86
Dowhower, Rod 1987-89
Ecklund, Brad 1966-67
Elliott, Sam 1983-86
Fazio, Foge 1588-89
Fears, Tom 1966
Fritsch, Ted 1983-86
Fry, Bob 1967-68
..... 1983-84
Gansz, Frank 1994-96
Gilmer, Harry 1970-74
Glanville, Jerry 1977-82
Griffin, Bob 1969-74
Groh, Al 1987
Haering, Joe 1994-96
Hanifan, Jim 1987-89
(head coach 4 games)
Harrison, Bob 1983-86
Herring, Hal 1966-68
Humphrey, Claude 1987-89
Jackson, Bobby 1983-86
Jackson, Milt 1994-96
Jones, June 1991-93
Jorgensen, Tim 1987-98
Jobko, Bill 1968
Khayat, Ed 1975-76
Kollar, Bill 1990-98
Lavan, Al 1975-76
Lewis, Will 1995-96
Madden, Joe 1985-86
Mangurian, Pete 1997
Marcum, Tim 1994
Marshall, John 1983-85
Matuszak, Marv 1974-76
McDonnell, Mike 1978-82
McDuffie, Wayne 1982, 1990
Meeks, Ron 1997-98
Miller, Al 1997-98
Nelson, Bill 1975-76
North, John 1977-82
Orr, Jimmy 1975-76
Palcic, Bob 1994-96
Phillips, Jim (Red) 1968
Plumb, Ted 1977-79
Puetz, Garry 1983-85
Putnam, Duane 1969-74
Rauch, John 1975
Raye, Jimmy 1980-82
..... 1987-89
Richardson, Harold 1997
Robinson, Jimmy 1990-93
Rossley, Tom 1990
Rowen, Keith 1990-93
Rust, Rod 1995-97
Sefcik, George 1997-98
Sekanovich, Dan 1983-85
Shell, Art 1997-98
Sherman, Ray 1990
Shively, Doug 1977-82
..... 1990-93
Simmons, Rennie 1997-98
Stanley, Jim 1980-82
Stanton, Jack 1984-85
Symank, John 1966-68
Walsh, Bill 1975-82
Wilson, Ollie 1991-95
Wood, Dick 1978-82
Xanders, Brian 1997-98
Yowarsky, Walt 1969-70

TAYLOR SMITH

President

Business/Sports Background

Taylor's determined to keep the club headed in the upward direction that last year's 6-2 finish showed the team was capable of accomplishing. Last year was painful on and off the field for Taylor. The frustrating 0-5 start ruined the debut of Dan Reeves' return to his home state. Then, on Oct. 26, his father passed away. As the hundreds of admirers of his father reminded Taylor of what Rankin Smith had meant to them and as the Falcons began to win, the '98 year dawned with new enthusiasm and purpose.

The 45-year old Taylor has been President since 1990 and has seen the inner workings of the organization and professional football since he was a 13-year old at the Falcons first training camp in 1966. He began working for the club over 20 years ago, moving from department to department to see the behind the scenes tasks that had to take place. In '86, at age 33, Taylor was moved into a Vice-President role.

Smith has been doing more with the NFL matters over the years as well. Currently, he's on the owners board to oversee the workings of the NFL's marketing arm and pro sports best, NFL Properties. He's also on the NFL's Rozelle retirement committee and on the NFL's steering committee to work on programs for players aiming to complete their college degrees and improve themselves off the field.

Community

Smith's love for his hometown Atlanta community and his father were evident when he pulled an upset and landed a second Super Bowl for Atlanta in 2000 after bringing the first one here in 1994. As Art Modell said: "Their bid was tremendous, but so were Taylor's remarks. He probably swung the thing (vote) for Atlanta." Taylor played a role in lending support for Atlanta's 1st Super Bowl cause which brought an economic impact of $166 million to the area.

Taylor's influence has also been realized by being on the Board of Directors for the Peach Bowl, Board of Directors for the Schenck School, the '96 Paralympic Games, the Visitors Board of Emory University, the downtown Atlanta Rotary Club, the board of St. Ives Country Club, Eagle Ranch, and North Fulton Young Life. He also proudly helps to administer charitable funds through the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation, founded in 1985 by his father. Smith is also proud to provide Falcons fans with one of the NFL's best playing facilities in the Georgia Dome, which opened its doors in 1992.

Education

A University of Georgia graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration ('75) , he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. At Lovett High School, he was awarded three letters in football, track and soccer. Taylor was a member of the school's state championship team as he split time as a wide receiver and defensive back.

Personal

Taylor W. Smith was born on May 3, 1953 in Atlanta. He is the fourth child out of a family of five. He and his wife, Louise, have three children: Ryan at UGA (19), Sarah Brooks (16) and Rebecca (13). Taylor loves to play and watch the sport of golf. He is a frequent visitor to the Masters and Bell South Classic. A runner in his spare time, he has taken on the hills of the July 4th Peachtree Road Race in the past.

HAROLD RICHARDSON

General Manager

Sports Background

On January 15, Harold was named General Manager, a position the Falcons hadn't officially had in over a decade. His new role enables him to oversee the day-to-day operations of all club administration with special concentration on finances and the salary cap.

Richardson had just joined the Falcons staff of Dan Reeves in February of '97 as the assistant head coach/football operations from the Denver Broncos. Obviously, his four previous seasons overseeing Denver's salary cap structure helped construct that roster into the Super Bowl champions.

With his financial degree from SMU and a football playing background that included an SWC title as a tight end, Richardson has balanced the two fields well over the past three decades.

The 6-4 Richardson also has a tall resume that includes 12 years of college coaching (Colorado State, North Texas State, TCU, Oklahoma State and SMU), nine years of professional coaching (New Orleans, Denver) and five years now in personnel and cap management.

From his first coaching staff assignment for Hayden Fry, through the days with Bum Phillips, Dan Reeves and Mike Shanahan, Richardson gained a knowledge of doing the little things that can turn into big successes.

As a "thirty-something" special teams coach after his first year in the NFL, he helped scout kickers and sat in the New Orleans draft room pleading for the Saints to take a kicker for his special teams. Sure enough, at spot 86, between New England taking DE George Crump from East Carolina and Cleveland following with WR Dwight Walker from Nicholls State, the Saints drafted a left-footed non-American soccer-style kicker from Denmark by way of Michigan State. Richardson is still enjoying that kicker's success with the Falcons: Morten Andersen. His first year with Dan Reeves in '89 saw the Broncos win the AFC and participate in a Super Bowl as he coached specialists David Treadwell and Mike Horan for Reeves. Then, as tight ends coach, he helped take a 7th round WR from Savannah State and turn him loose into a TE role (Shannon Sharpe).

Personal

Born (9-27-44) and raised in the Houston, Texas, area, Richardson moved over to Dallas to play two sports at Southern Methodist University. The Mustangs football team included QB Mike Livingston (13-year NFL career with KC-Minn) and WR Jerry Levias (6-year NFL career with Houston-S.D.). The '66 squad won the SWC title with an 8-3 mark, including a six-game sweep of every Texas major college (Texas, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, TCU, Rice and Baylor), but lost in the Cotton Bowl to Georgia. The Mustangs baseball team also included Livingston and Richardson and produced strong 32-6 and 27-7 records.

Richardson and his wife, Ramona, have a son, Blake Lee, 12, and reside in Alpharetta, GA. Harold is also a golf enthusiast, playing and scoring with a low handicap, or watching the professionals compete.

JIM HAY

Executive VP Administration

Deservedly given a new title this year, Hay continues to guide the Falcons business operations into the new millenium. Jim sets quite a pace for others to follow, always arriving at the office before the sun rises and always doing his thorough research to undertake any project. In his early career, Jim was a professional baseball player with the Atlanta Braves organization, earning a reputation as a four-time all star minor league player. He was even most valuable player on two different teams, but never got a chance to succeed in the major leagues. But, many future Braves were his teammates in the minors, including a unique knuckle-ball throwing future Hall of Famer Phil Niekro pitching to him and stars like Rico Carty, Tommy Aaron and his roommate was current Braves exec. Paul Snyder. From 1965-78, Jim worked with the Stadium Authority and the Atlanta Braves, getting to know the Falcons operations as well. In 1978 he was hired by Mr. Smith to oversee the new team complex being planned for Suwanee. He also worked quietly behind the scenes to get the Falcons organization ready for operations in the Georgia Dome in 1992 and is still the contact person for stadium operations involving the team. Hay, 62, got his education through a path of perserverance. At age 37, he obtained his law degree from prestigious Emory University, while working a job and raising a family. He had gotten his economics and accounting undergraduate degree in a unique fashion. He finished the degree at Utah State while playing minor league baseball. He obviously got an education during a stint in the Navy from 1953-57 after graduation from high school. A Tennessee product of Eagleville, he was born (Nov. 1935) and raised into a family of six with one brother and four sisters. Jim and his wife, Molly, have three grown children, Mickie, Christie and Jim Jr., and reside in Suwanee. Jim's new "hobby" has been enjoying time on his motorcycles, including trips to Daytona Beach, New York and the mountains of north Georgia, while preparing for a journey with bike friends to Alaska next year.

KEVIN ANTHONY

VP/ Chief Financial Officer

In his eighth season in the Falcons financial operations, Kevin was named a Vice-President and is now Chief Financial Officer. His budgeting and financial analysis will be crucial to the team as it moves through the era of salary caps on the field and growth and expansion off the field. A native of Atlanta, Kevin finished his education at Emory University with a masters degree in finance in 1991 on a journey that began with a high school degree from Lakeside High in 1982. In between was an economics degree from North Carolina ('85). Kevin certainly understands football and leadership from his days as a quarterback for the Tar Heels. He's still in the football record books with his most TD passes in a game (5), with his 31 completions in a game, with his 53 attempts in a game, and with his 14 consecutive completions. His 302-yard game vs. LSU is still 9th in team history, while his 281, 279 and 268-yard games are still in the top 20. Number 7 passed for 3,412 yards with 20 TD's on teams that included NFLers Ethan Horton and Harris Barton. In the winter, they lost some campus noteriety as the basketball teams of Dean Smith and Michael Jordan ('83 Player of the Year) took center stage. The 34-year old was actually born in Waco, Texas, but his family moved to Atlanta in 1971 and it's been "home" ever since. He was an All-State high school QB in Georgia when he led his 11-1 Lakeside Vikings team under Wayman Creel. Busy Kevin also lettered in basketball, baseball and track while being recruited by colleges. Kevin and his wife, Eleanor, currently reside in Decatur with daughter Eleanor (5) and son Kevin, Jr. (3).

RON HILL

VP/Football Operations

Hill joined the Falcons this May where he steps into the new supervisory role. The 20-year vet has been evaluating future and current NFL players ever since 1979 when he was hired by the Dallas Cowboys Gil Brandt as an area college scout, joining fellow scout Reed Johnson, where they worked for five seasons. Even though he comes from the Jacksonville Jaguars, Hill is no stranger to working with Dan Reeves. They were together on the Cowboy staffs and then Reeves later hired Hill in '83 to work with Denver. He scoured the colleges helping to build the Broncos and then in '92 was named their Assistant Director of Player Personnel. With Denver, they won three AFC titles and played in three Super Bowls. On June 6, 1994, the soon-to-be Jacksonville Jaguars called on Hill to become their Director of Pro Personnel. They began with an expansion draft in Feb. of '95, then started looking for unrestricted NFL veteran free agents. Hill's role helped the Jaguars find Jeff Lageman, Dave Widell, Leon Searcy, Jimmy Smith, Keenan McCardell, Deon Figures and work out a trade for Mark Brunell. Hill first enrolled at Mississippi State University in 1971 as a linebacker. He transferred to Itawamba Junior College and then returned to Mississippi State to earn his degree in education in 1975. Ron took a job as a high school coach in Elaine, Arkansas, for one year then became a coaching assistant at Mississippi State and finished his work on his masters degree in administration and education in '78. Ron was born Sept. 23, 1953 in Okolona, Mississippi. He and his wife, Tina, have two sons, Austin (8) and Ryan (6).

ROB JACKSON

VP/Marketing & Sales

Rob tackles his sixth Falcon season and fifth now as the club's Vice President and Director of Marketing and Sales. Jackson oversees the club's growing advertising, marketing, and promotional activities, while serving as the team's liaison with the Georgia Dome on game days. He also coordinates the club's corporate sponsorship programs and is the principal contact for the team's local radio and television partnerships. Before joining the NFL in March of 1993 with the Falcons, Jackson served for 15 years in management with several area radio stations, including WSB (Director of Sports Sales), WGST/WPCH-FM (General Sales Manager) and WCNN/WALR-FM (President & General Manager). He built a strong relationship with the Falcons throughout his dealings with the team's flagship stations over the years. Rob's extensive 15-year background in sports marketing has seen him deal directly with the Braves, Hawks, Univ. of Georgia, and Georgia Tech football and basketball, in addition to his previous relationship with the Falcons. His spare time has also revolved around football as he served a role on the Peach Bowl steering committee for over a decade and has been vice president of its corporate development committee, while also working on the Atlanta Sports Council. This native son of Atlanta graduated from the University of Georgia with a BBA degree in Management in 1970. He is a member on the Boards of The Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, The Atlanta NFL/Youth Education Town Program, The Empty Stocking Fund, and the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation. An active father, Rob enjoys being involved with his three sons and wife when at all possible. Whether it's attending baseball, basketball, or football games for Washington & Lee basketballer Matthew (20), Westminster athlete Mark (17), or middle schooler Patrick (12), Rob makes the most of his free time with his family. Jackson is an avid golfer and also loves to ski. He and his wife, Patti, celebrate 26 years of marriage this year and now reside in Vinings in northwest Atlanta.

TOMMY NOBIS

VP/Corporate Development

As V-P of Corporate Development, Tommy will help lead the organization's growth into the next century. Whether it's lining up a new summer camp site, or a new location for a permanent facility, or improving the current one,Tommy will be involved. Nobis, as the lead person in these type projects, can utilize his experience gained from over 30 years of team service as a player and front office member. His sports playing career was legendary. As the NFL's and the Falcons #1 draft pick for the '66 season, he made the Pro Bowl and was named Defensive Rookie of the Year. Nobis played 11 seasons with the Falcons, being named the team's outstanding player 2 times and making 5 total Pro Bowl appearances. At the U. of Texas, he doubled as linebacker and offensive guard, winning both the Maxwell and Outland Trophies and was a first-team All-American honoree twice. Nobis was named to the NFL's all-1960's team and to the *Football News* All-Time All-American team. He has been inducted into both the Texas and Georgia Sports Hall of Fames. In '81, he was voted into the National Collegiate Sports Hall of Fame. Tommy serves on the Board of Directors of the Tommy Nobis Center, which provides job training and employment services for youth and adults with disabilities. In 1997 that facility held its 20th anniversary celebration as the Marietta, GA, based facility continues to grow. His many years of involvement with the Special Olympics led him to his work with the Center. For his efforts on behalf of young people in need, Tommy has been presented the following awards: Dodge NFL Man of the Year, Vitalis Man of the Year, and the Bobby Dodd and Big Heart awards. He and his wife, Lynn, live in Atlanta and have three grown children, Tommy, III, Kevin, and Devon.

Jerry Rhea • *Special Asst. To President*

This year will mark Jerry's 30th season as a member of the Falcons' front office and fifth year in his current capacity. His loyal service in the organization is second only to Horace Daniel. Rhea served the role as head trainer for 25 years from '69 to '94. The 62-year old is in charge of special projects and is directly involved in overseeing the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation. Jerry coordinates the annual Dan Reeves/Whitey Zimmerman Golf Classic which raises money for scholarships. This Aggie from Texas A&M was inducted into NATA Hall of Fame and his first assignment in the NFL was with LA Rams of George Allen in '67. Jerry and Beverly have been married for 41 years and live in Tucker, Ga.

Charlie Taylor • *Director of Public Relations*

Taylor heads into his 23rd NFL season (11 Washington Redskins prior to Falcons) since being the Sports Information Director at his alma mater, the Falcons of Fairmont State (W.Va.) College, where he won three national publication awards. A U.S. Navy veteran, Taylor's NFL career began with George Allen's "Over the Hill Gang" in D.C. and has since seen him work over 450 NFL games in 48 different stadiums around the country. Having assisted the NFL in staffing numerous Super Bowls, Taylor also earned two Super Bowl rings with the Redskins in Washington and has also been selected by the NFL for two Pro Bowls. His Falcons staff has twice been nominated for the NFL's Pete Rozelle award. He and his wife, Lynn, and teenage daughter, Lauren, live in Alpharetta, Ga.

Carol Breeding • *Director of Community Relations*

Carol is a long-time Falcon employee whose tenure in the organization will reach 26 seasons this year. Breeding will fulfill her duties as the club's main contact with the community for the ninth season in '98. Her other responsibilities for the Falcons have included helping out with the public relations and marketing efforts of the club. Some of projects Carol is involved with are charity fundraising events, game day entertainment, cheerleaders and mascot, as well as being the main contact with the Falcons Wives Association. Her table is also full with events such as the annual Blood Drive and the Charity Kickoff Luncheon. A big supporter of Auburn University, Breeding has given speeches at her alma mater and at GA. Southern's Sports Management Conference. She and her husband, George, live in Roswell, Ga.

Frank Kleha • *Asst. Director of Public Relations*

Frank enters his 12th year with the Falcons organization in '98. Some of his duties include media relations and team publications. Kleha is the editor of the club's 256-page *Fact Book* for media & fans as well as being the editor of the *NFL Insider* sold at the Ga. Dome. This native of Springfield, Va. attended George Mason University and received his BA in Communications. He is also a graduate of GMU's Sports Information Office. Frank's PR resume includes experience with the Redskins. Kleha has been chosen by the NFL to coordinate the NFC Championship Game in Green Bay in '96 and S.F. in '97 & '94. He has also worked on the Super Bowl staffs in Pasadena (XXVII) and Atlanta (XXVIII). Frank has been part of a PR department with the Falcons that has been nominated two times for the Pete Rozelle Award for outstanding media service.

Billy Johnson • *Coordinator of Player Programs*

Billy will continue his work with Falcon players on community appearances and on continuing education, family assistance, counseling, financial decision-making and off-season job training. Johnson was honored as a member of College Football Hall of Fame last year and it follows up an induction into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. "White Shoes" enjoyed a record-breaking pro career from '74-88 which culminated in Johnson being named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary All-Time team for his exploits as a punt returner. This three-time Pro Bowler was also an all-star in the community during his time in the League. He was honored as the NFL Man-of-the-Year with the Houston Oilers and Falcons because of his community endeavors. Billy and his wife, Barbara, have four children, Marcy, Kendra, Jared and Jazmyn, and reside in Duluth, Ga.

John Knox • *Administrative Assistant/Finance*

John will labor in the club's financial area for the third straight season and is now a veteran of six NFL seasons overall with his hometown Falcons. His first pro experience came in the club's marketing department. Knox will once again be heavily involved in coordinating the traveling plans for the team this season as well as serving on advancing road trips. John received his BBA degree in Business Administration in '92 from the University of Georgia. He completed the requirements for his M.B.A. in Finance from Georgia State this year. He's on the Board of Directors of the Falcons Youth Foundation. Knox is an avid golfer when he's not spending time with his wife, Rae, and their one-year old daughter, Mary Cole. The Knox family resides in Atlanta.

Todd Marble • *Sales/Marketing*

The '98 season marks the ninth season for Todd in the Falcons organization. Marble spent the first four seasons of his pro career in the team's public relations department and will enter his fifth campagin in marketing and sales. His role entails selling corporate sponsorship packages and promotions as well as other marketing, game day, and advertising/publication duties. Todd holds a BA degree in Communications from the University of Arkansas. This product of Little Rock has worked in the areas of media relations, community relations, and coordinator of team travel during his days in the NFL. Marble's pro experience has also included being on the NFL staff of two straight Super Bowls in Atlanta ('94) and Pasadena ('93). He lives in Atlanta, Ga.

Wallace Norman • *Controller*

Wallace has been a member of the Falcons' financial team since '87. This will be his ninth season serving as the Controller. Norman became the first minority Controller in the NFL in '90 as he continues to handle various financial responsibilities for the team. Wallace is the owner of an MBA in Political Science and Finance from the University of Georgia. Before accepting his first pro football assignment, he worked as an associate analyst for Federal Express. A native of Atlanta and Henry Grady High School, he and his wife, Joyce, have two children, Elyse Marie (3) and Wallace E. Norman, Jr.,who turns two this football season. The Norman family lives in Decatur, Ga.

Randy Kopp • *Director of Information Systems*

Randy will take care of the daily computer operations for the front office and coaching staff for a third season. Kopp implemented a network system and continues to address the ever growing computer needs for the team. He also designed a computer playbook for the coaches, worked to establish the club's in-house web site, and also looks for opportunities to enhance the scouting department. Before coming to Atlanta he was a consultant for the Giants and Knicks while working as a Network Engineer with Computer Associates International. Randy was a QB and punter at State University of N.Y. at Stony Brook and also received a degree in Economics. He and his wife, Stacey, have three kids, Joshua (6), Brittani (3), and Tyler (1).

Tom Atcheson • *Video Director*

Tom will celebrate his 20th season as a member of the Falcons organization this year. "Atch" has been coordinating the club's video needs in Suwanee since '79. Some of his responsibilities include putting in motion the Falcons' weekly game plan by filming each game and practice and then editing the film for players and coaches. Tom also breaks down the opponents' weekly game film for players and coaches to analyze. This Georgia product of Dallas was the person in charge of establishing the team's video requirements at the Suwanee facility in '78. Some of his related experience came through his work at the college level as the team photographer for Georgia Tech and Auburn. He and his wife, Beverly, have four grown children, Sandy, Jeff, Mark, and David.

Spencer Treadwell • *Marketing/Special Events*

Spencer enters his second season as a member of the Falcons' front office team. Treadwell is a native of Atlanta and is a graduate of Tucker High School. He assists with *NFL Insider* sales and helps to handle promotions, including working with the club's radio partners and community activities. Spencer is a product of Presbyterian College and holds a business administration degree. Some of his other responsibilities entail coordinating the Birdsnest pregame tailgate party at the Georgia Dome and training camp visits by corporate groups. Treadwell is a soccer enthusiast and resides in Stone Mountain, Ga.

Summer Training Camps

This season marks the 20th year that the Falcons will hold their training camp in Suwanee, GA. The Falcons' current year-round training facility was completed in August of '78 and the first training camp was held the following summer of '79 in Suwanee. Atlanta's first ever training camp site was held at Black Mountain, N.C. at a YMCA Camp in Asheville in '66. From '67 to '70 the birds nested at East Tennessee State in Johnson City, TN. The Falcons then settled into Furman University in Greenville, S.C. from '71 to '78.

Reed Johnson • *Director of Player Personnel/College*

Reed coordinated his first draft for the Falcons and Dan Reeves in April. He came aboard following the Redskins' '97 draft. This personnel veteran with 24 years of pro experience was Washington's Scouting Coordinator for three seasons. Johnson's NFL beginnings came as a scout in Dallas where he helped to construct three Super Bowl teams ('75, '77, and '79) for the Cowboys. The graduate of Colorado moved on to Denver with Reeves and was a member of another three Super Bowl teams ('86, '87, and '89). Some of his responsibilities with the Broncos were Special Teams coach, Coordinator of Pro Scouting, Coordinator of College Scouting, and Director of Player Personnel. Before heading to the NFL, Reed was an assistant coach at Tulsa, Oklahoma State, and New Mexico. His playing career included a Big 8 title as a DB for the Buffaloes. He and his wife, Peggy, live in Atlanta with their three sons, Blair, 11, Woody, 8, and Trey, 5.

Chuck Connor • *Director of Player Personnel/Pro*

The '98 season represents a decade of service to the Falcons' pro scouting area for Chuck Connor. This will be Chuck's 21st season of overall NFL service after starting in the League with the Miami Dolphins of Hall of Fame Coach Don Shula. His responsibilities are wide ranging and include keeping tabs on all NFL players. The chores for this product of McKees Rock, Pa. also entail evaluating and recruiting potential free agents. Connor spends countless hours accessing talent through daily film study to keep abreast of each team's roster. The veteran personnel man also travels around the League during the season to scout opponents and judge player performances first hand. Connor switched conferences and was signed by Falcons after 11 years in Miami as Director of Player Personnel. His other experience came as a BLESTO scout. Chuck and his wife, Dorothy, live in Stone Mountain, Ga. and have four grown children, Chuck, Jr., Mike, Karen, and Scott, a Georgia undergrad.

Mike Hagen • *National Scout*

Mike is reunited with Dan Reeves after spending the last eight seasons with the Washington Redskins. The 16-year NFL veteran will scout the entire country for college talent along with Reed Johnson. Hagen, 39, started in the League with the Dallas Cowboys in '83 as an area scout. He labored four years in Dallas before being hired by Reeves in Denver in '87. He has been a part of three Super Bowl teams, including the Redskins' title winning XXVI team. Mike was a NAIA first-team All-America wide receiver at California Lutheran. He still holds the Kingsmen's records for single season and career receiving marks.

Ken Blair • *Area Scout*

Ken will handle his scouting responsibilities in Atlanta for the second year in '98. His solid background includes 16 years of scouting experience in the NFL. Blair's scouting career in the League began with the Eagles in '83 and has included stints with the Broncos ('85-92) and the Chiefs ('93-96). Before hitting the scouting trails, Blair was a college coach. His longest coaching tenure came at nearby Georgia Tech for nine seasons ('74-82) and also included stopovers at Colorado, and UCLA. Ken was an All-Big 8 tight end at Colorado during his playing career. He and his wife, Mary Sue, have two sons, Mike and Mitch, and reside in Lavonia, Ga.

Melvin Bratton • *Area Scout*

Melvin is in his second tour of duty with the Falcons after competing at club's training camp as a player in '92. After a standout career as a running back in college at Miami he was drafted by the Dolphins in '88 but when he remained unsigned he was then selected by the Broncos in the 6th round in '89. In 32 games as a Bronco, Bratton amassed 57 rushes for 190 yards with four scores, and caught 39 passes for 345 more yards with 4 TD's. His time in Denver also included playing in the AFC Championship game and Super Bowl XXIV vs. the Giants. This product of Miami owns a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Business Management.

Dick Corrick • *Area Scout*

This will be Dick's eighth season with the Falcons in his scouting capacity. Corrick's background lists 27 years of service in the NFL starting in '71. His prior experience came for the Oilers where he served a three-year stint as the club's Director of College Scouting. As a member of the Green Bay Packers, Dick was the Director of Pro Personnel and the Director of Player Personnel. During his playing career for Tommy Prothro at Oregon State he excelled as a center and linebacker. Corrick moved into coaching after his playing days were over and has groomed players for the pro's at California, Arizona State, and Iowa State. This product of La Jolla, Ca. and his wife, Bonnie, reside in Little Suamico, Wi.

Boyd Dowler • *Area Scout*

Boyd has been synonymous with the NFL for over 30 years since his playing days on championship teams with the Green Bay Packers. His brilliance on the field as a wide receiver for the Pack included three NFL titles and a pair of Super Bowl championships under legendary Vince Lombardi. A member of the Packers Hall of Fame, he performed in two Pro Bowls and was selected as a first-team wide receiver on the NFL's 1960's All-Decade team. Dowler has been on the coaching staff of the Rams, Redskins, Eagles, Bengals, and Buccaneers. He came to the Falcons after being on the Panthers' scouting staff. He resides in Tampa with his wife, Patricia.

Elbert Dubenion • *Area Scout*

Elbert will continue to evaluate college talent in Atlanta for his 12th season in '98. His distinguished pro playing career was honored by the Buffalo Bills when his name became a permanent fixture on the Wall of Rich Stadium in '93. "Golden Wheels" was a standout player for the Bills for nine seasons and was a member of the team's Silver Anniversary All-Time team. His previous scouting stopovers have included his former Bills team and in Miami. Dubenion later served as the Assistant Director of Player Personnel for Don Shula's Dolphins. This Southern product of Griffin, Ga. resides with his wife, Marilyn, in Westerville, Ohio.

Bill Groman • *Area Scout*

Bill is now a veteran of 11 seasons in the trenches for the Falcons scouting staff and 32nd season overall of NFL service. This seasoned pro has left his scouting imprints in Buffalo, Cincinnati, Houston, Tampa Bay, and San Diego. Groman starred for the Houston Oilers of the AFL and still has his name in the record book five times, including most yards by a rookie with 1,473. He was afforded All-Pro mention two times and caught passes off the throws of Hall of Famer George Blanda. Bill ran the personnel office of the Houston Gamblers of the USFL as the Director from '83-84. The high-powered Gamblers' offense was directed by Jim Kelly. He and his wife, Ellie, still live in the Houston area.

Bob Harrison • *Area Scout*

Bob is in his second season as a Falcons scout but served in a previous coaching role in Atlanta. Harrison was the club's receivers coach from '83-86 under Dan Henning. His other ties to the Peach State were a coaching stint with the University of Georgia ('88-91). Before coming back to the South, he was the receivers coach at Boston College from '94-96. As a player, Harrison was an All-MAC receiver at Kent State. His coaching experience has spanned 32 years in college, the NFL and at the high school level. Bob's college time had been spent at Tennessee, North Carolina State and Iowa, among others. He resides in nearby Athens, Ga. when he's not on the road scouting for the birds.

Les Snead • *Assistant Pro Scout*

Les will make the switch to a new conference after assisting Ron Hill in the daily operations of the pro scouting department for the Jacksonville Jaguars since '95. Snead was a tight end for Auburn from '92-93 and was part of the Tigers' perfect 11-0 team in '93. He was an Academic All-American for coach Terry Bowden. Les holds a degree in science and mathematics and has begun earning credits for a masters in health and sports promotion. The 27 year-old is a native of Eufaula, AL. and was a graduate assistant at Auburn after his playing days were over. Snead also was an administrative assistant of football operations at his alma mater in '95.

Ron Medlin • *Head Trainer*

Ron has been handling the needs of the training department for the Falcons since '94. Prior to making the switch to the NFC, Medlin was the Assistant Trainer for the Cleveland Browns from '89-93. His experience in his field has also extended to the collegiate level where he served as the Head Football Trainer at Memphis State University for two seasons. He owns degrees from N.C. State (BA - Education) and Memphis State (MS - Physical Education). Ron was a familiar face to Falcons staffers before he took over his present position because he helped out as a training camp intern for the Falcons for six seasons in the '80's. He's a member of the NATA, GATA and PFATS. He and his wife, Candace, live in Suwanee, Ga.

Matt Smith • *Assistant Trainer*

Matt embarks on his fifth season as a dependable member of Falcons' training staff in '98. Smith's previous work experience before coming to Atlanta entailed serving as the Head Athletic Trainer at The College of Charleston from '93-94. He coordinated the training needs for the entire men's athletic program at the University of New Orleans for two years ('92-93) as the school's Assistant Trainer. Matt holds a BS degree from Southern Mississippi in Athletic Training as well as an MA in Health Promotion/Exercise Science from S.E. Louisiana. This certified member of the NATA and GATA worked as an intern with the Cleveland Browns for four training camps ('90-93). Matt was married to the former Suzy Lewis on June 5th and the couple resides in Atlanta.

Harold King • *Assistant Trainer*

Harold joined the Falcons as a full-time trainer prior to the beginning of the '97 season. King served as Assistant Director of Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine at Rockdale (Ga.) Hospital for seven years before landing in the pro's. He wasn't a new face to the players because he had worked on game days for the Falcons for two seasons in '95-96. He is a graduate of Jessie Tuggle's alma mater, Valdosta State, with a degree in Physical Education & Sports Medicine and also served as a student trainer for two years. He earned an Exercise Science degree from Emporia (Kansas) State. The product of Clearwater, FL. was on the training staff for '96 Olympics. He and his wife, Diane, the team's nutritionist, have one son, Russell, and reside in Duluth, Ga.

Brian Boigner • *Equipment Manager*

The third Equipment Manager in team history will oversee the operations in Suwanee for his second season. Brian was signed by the Falcons after a five-year stint in the New York Giants' equipment department. This 32 year-old Ohio (Brooklyn) product continues to maintain the equipment needs of the players and coaches each day as well as at the Georgia Dome and every road trip. Boigner's experienced resume included being the Assistant Equipment Manager of the New York/New Jersey Knights of the old World League in '92. Brian attended Kent State and started to be involved in the school's equipment department as a student manager before being promoted to Equipment Manager. He and his wife, Lizabeth, are expecting their first child in July.

Horace Daniel • *Senior Equipment Dir./Game Day Cor.*

Horace boasts the longest tenure of any Falcon employee as he heads into his 32nd season of devoted service in '98. Daniel was promoted to his current position in January of '95. He has been a valuable player of the team's equipment department since '67. During his long Falcons career, he has only been absent from the sidelines on the day of a game on just two occasions. Before coming aboard with the Falcons, Horace played a part in the construction of old Fulton County Stadium as an stadium authority worker. His NFL resume over the years has involved working Super Bowl XXVIII in Atlanta . A Peach State product from Atlanta grandfather Horace has two children, Kennon and Kim.

Jack Ragsdale • *Director of Ticket Sales/Operations*

Jack is a member of the Falcons' Class of '84 as the '98 campaign will be his 15th season as a team employee. Ragsdale will coordinate the club's ticket operations from the Georgia Dome for the seventh season. He has a distinguished military background after a decorated career as a U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel. During Jack's 21 years of honorable servce he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his actions. A "Peach State" native of North Georgia College, he grew up rooting for the Falcons as a youth. He and his wife, Brenda, live in Marietta, Ga.

Michael Jennings • *Assistant Director of Ticket Sales*

Michael will celebrate his fifth season in Falcons' ticket operations side of the organization. But Jennings isn't a new face in the sports landscape of Atlanta. His previous seasoning came as the Ticket Manager of the Peach Bowl and for the WLAF's Birmingham Fire. His related experience was with the Hawks of the NBA and the old Omni Coliseum in public relations. Michael received his BA in Sports Management from the University of Tennessee and also completed the requirements for his MS in Athletic Administration. A running enthusiast, he lives with his wife, Veronica, in Decatur.

Thomas Meunier • *Vault Manager*

Thomas is a 13-year pro in taking care of the needs of all the Falcons ticket holders. A native Georgian from Tallapoosa, Meunier's background in ticket operations is varied and extensive. He is the Falcons' Ticketmaster coordinator and runs the mail order service as well as the daily ticket reports, among other duties.Thomas' background as an offensive lineman at Tallapoosa High has served him well in the pro's. He is a graduate of the history department of West Georgia College in Carrollton. Meunier was a communications specialist from '70-72 for the Army. He and his wife, Patsy, have three children, Twyla, Tricia, and Thomas II, and reside in Bremen.

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Georgia Dome Facts & Figures

Capacity: 71,228
Club Seats: 5,674
Suites: 203 (16 or 24 seats)
Cost: $210 million
Financed: hotel/motel tax, no tax payer money
Groundbreaking: 11-22-89
Owned by: State of Georgia
Managed: World Congreess Center
Construction: 859 days to build, covers 8.6 acres, 275 feet tall (27 stories)
Fact: Largest cable-supported Dome in world with a translucent teflon roof to allow natural lighting
First Preseason Game: 8-23-92
Falcons 20, Eagles 10
First Regular-Season Game: 9-6-92
Falcons 20, Jets 17

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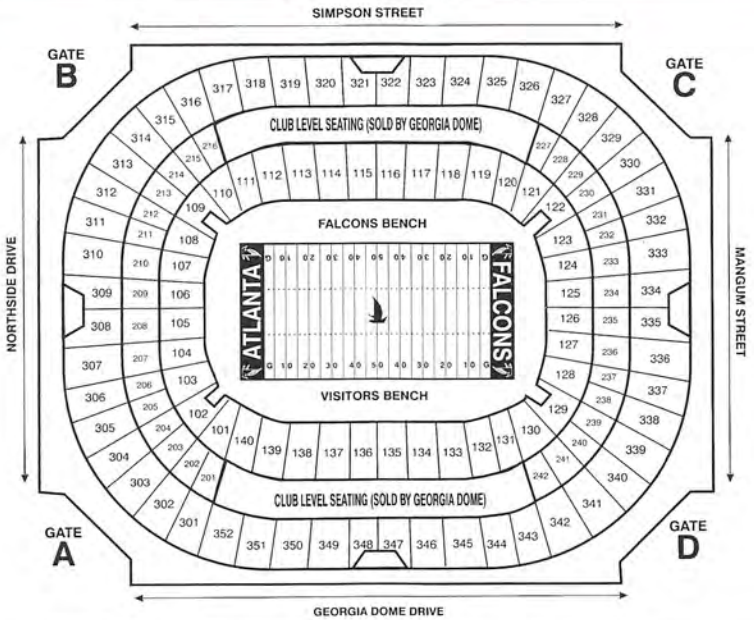

Falcons Recognized Again For Off-Field Community Efforts

Only 6 Pro Teams Among Hundreds Honored

The World Sports Humanitarian Hall honors persons and organizations who work in partnership with their communities to foster good will and positive change. It's what sports does off the playing fields and arenas of competition.

Their Pro Team Community Award was created in 1995 to honor sports franchises. The Atlanta Falcons have been recognized **all four years of the program's existence.**

The Hall judges the diversity of programs, number of participants and their commitments, and monetary participation.

Community Work Puts Falcons Among The Best in America

For a 4th consecutive year, the Atlanta Falcons football team has been honored by the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame for their work in the Atlanta community.

Only 6 pro sports franchises from the NBA, Major League Baseball, the NFL, and the NHL are recognized each year. The Falcons recognition makes them one of only two NFL teams to have been honored in the entire four years and the ONLY sports team in Atlanta to have ever been honored.

The 6 sports franchises who have been chosen for their 1997-98 efforts are: Atlanta Falcons and New Orleans Saints of the NFL, Detroit Tigers of Major League Baseball, San Antonio Spurs and Phoenix Suns of the NBA, and the St. Louis Blues of the NHL. Individuals to be inducted into the Hall this year will be David Robinson of the Spurs, Jackie Joyner-Kersee of track fame and Pele from soccer.

Falcons Community Efforts Are Far Reaching
(partial list only of annual activities)

* Since '91, Falcons Kickoff Blood Drive has collected hundreds of units of blood. Falcons received the prestigious Good Neighbor Award for 1997 from the Red Cross.
* Since '85, Falcons Youth Foundation has worked with hundreds of children's programs.
* Youth Foundation's Zimmerman scholarship fund awarded 8 high school seniors $5,000 grants.
* Over 80% of players on roster last year made free community appearances.
* Team honors area high school coaches each week of season.
* Team hosts one of the largest charity kickoff luncheons in the NFL.
* At holiday time, team sponsors Thanksgiving dinners and gifts. Also work with Community Food Bank. At Christmas, help less fortunate families with gifts.
* Visit community Hospitals and VA center.
* Have Take A Player to School campaign and players visit hundreds of schools.
* Youth Education Town at ML King Middle School helps at risk children. F.A.C.T. trading card program also assists children.
* Boys & Girls Club programs, Make-a-Wish Scottish Rite, United Way, Special Olympics.
* Falcons/D.E.A. "Be A Winner in Life" program has reached over 150,000 youth since its inception in 1992.

Veteran Players

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SCOTT ADAMS

GUARD/TACKLE • 6-6 • 315
8th Season • Georgia
Born 9-28-66 • Lake City, FL
Acq: FA – Den (9-18-97)

Last Season

Scott's '97 season began as a member of the Denver Broncos. He was released by the Broncos after three weeks of work when they re-signed All-Pro tackle Gary Zimmerman. and signed by the Falcons on Sept. 18. With the birds, Adams played a reserve role in six games: at New Orleans (10/12), Tampa Bay (11/9), St. Louis (11/16), New Orleans (11/23), at Seattle (11/30), and at Arizona (12/21). He provides the Falcons with versatility as he can play either guard or tackle.

Pro Career

Adams has performed in the NFL trenches for six teams in eight years. He was signed as a college free agent by the Cowboys in '89, but was released before the season opener (9/5). The next year he was in the Falcons training camp but fell short of making the final roster. To prove his mettle, Scott decided to play in the World League (NFL Europe) with the Barcelona Dragons in the spring of '91. His solid spring showing which included **starting all 10 games for the Dragons who advanced to the World Bowl** (vs. London) earned him an invitation to the Minnesota Vikings training camp. After being waived on the final cutdown, he made a good enough impression to be signed to the Vikes practice squad. He practiced with the team for 15 games until being activated to the regular roster for the season finale against Green Bay. In '92 after going through another training camp with Minnesota he was released but re-signed again the next day to the club's practice squad. Adams was elevated to the active roster during the second week of the season (9/8) and he ended up playing in 15 games as a back-up left tackle and special teams performer. He broke into the Vikings' starting lineup 10 straight times at right guard in '93 and even played on the team's kickoff return, field goal and point after units. He was released by Minnesota on August 22, 1994 and signed with New Orleans on Sept. 28. He played 11 games in a Saints uniform. Scott signed an unrestricted free agent contract with Chicago (3/21/95) the next season and performed mainly on special teams. In '96, he started two games and played in seven total games for Tampa Bay before signing on with the Broncos in '97.

College Career

After redshirting as a freshman in '84 for the University of Georgia, Adams went on to **start 23 games in his four-year career under Coach Vince Dooley**. He was switched from his guard position to tackle as a senior and started all 11 games including an appearance in the Gator Bowl. For his efforts, he was afforded second All-SEC honors as well as being named an honorable mention All-American by the *Associated Press.*

Notebook/Personal

Scott's pro career has been about perseverance. He missed making the final roster on the last cut for four consecutive years (1989-92) with three different teams before landing a spot on the Vikings practice squad. His pro experience has included playing in the playoffs (Minnesota vs. Washington in '92), receiving a game ball (New Orleans vs. Rams in '94), and performing as a tight end (in four games for Bears in '95). He **received a game ball** as part of a special teams unit which was **responsible for 304 kickoff return yards**, the **second-most in a single game in NFL history**. Adams was named Columbia High School's (Lake City, Fla.) outstanding offensive and defensive player as a two-way tackle. He also garnered 4A all-state accolades and was *USA Today* honorable mention All-American. Scott Alexander organizes an annual motorcycle rally called "Ride for Life/Ride for Youth" in honor of his father which raises money for the American Cancer Society.

Adams' Career Games Played/Started

Career Totals: 58/12
Regular Season: 1991 (Minn 0/0), 1992 (Minn 15/0), 1993 (Minn (15/10), 1994 (N.O. 11/0), 1995 (Chi 4/0), 1996 (T.B. 7/2), 1997 (Atl 6/0)

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MORTEN ANDERSEN

KICKER • 6-2 • 225
17th Season • Michigan St.
Born 8-19-60 • Struer, Denmark
Acq: UFA – N.O. (7-21-95)

Last Season

Morten's brilliance was once again evident in '97 as he continued to be a consistent weapon for the Falcons.

Δ Hit two game-winners vs. St. Louis (11/2) from 27-yards with :02 left and Philadelphia (12/14) from 33-yards as time expired.

Δ Booted 23 of 27 field goals for an 85.2% accuracy rate, 7th best in NFL & 2nd best in team history. He made all of his PAT's (35/35) to begin '98 with a streak of 76 in-a-row.

Δ Topped 90 points scored for the 15th consecutive season.

Δ Tied for the longest field goal of the year with a 55-yarder at New Orleans (10/12) and also booted a 51-yarder vs. Oakland (9/14).

Δ Boomed 37 of his 42 kickoffs to the goaline in helping kickoff coverage team post the 2nd best mark in NFL by surrendering average starting point of 23.4 yards.

Δ Continued scoring streak which now has reached 222 consecutive games.

Δ Named special teams player of the game by coaches at New Orleans(10/12) by kicking threefield goals (25, 32, 55) and landing all 5 kickoff into endzone (4 TB's).

Δ Became the 5th player in NFL history to score 1,600 points in career with two field goals (27, 44) and 3 extra points in a victory at St. Louis (11/16).

Δ Kicked two field goals (21, 33) vs. Philly (12/14) to move ahead of Hall of Famer Jan Stenerud into third place all-time for field goals made.

All-Time Field Goals Made

1.	385	Gary Anderson
2.	383	Nick Lowery
3.	**378**	**Morten Andersen**
4.	373	Jan Stenerud
5.	337	Eddie Murray
6.	335	George Blanda
7.	322	Norm Johnson
8.	304	Pat Leahy
	304	Jim Turner
10.	300	Mark Mosely
	300	Matt Bahr

NFL All-Time Points

1.	2,002	George Blanda
2.	1,711	Nick Lowery
3.	1,699	Jan Stenerud
4.	1,681	Gary Anderson
5.	**1,641**	**Morten Andersen**
6.	1,558	Norm Johnson
7.	1,532	Eddie Murray
8.	1,470	Pat Leahy
9.	1,439	Jim Turner
10.	1,422	Matt Bahr

Consecutive Games Scored In

1.	**222**	**Morten Andersen**
2.	187	Jim Breech
3.	155	Ray Wersching
4.	151	Fred Cox

All-Time 50-Yard FG's

1.	**33**	**Morten Andersen**
2.	22	Nick Lowery
3.	21	Eddie Murray

All-Time 20-FG Seasons

1.	15	Gary Anderson
2.	14	Morten Andersen
3.	7	Nick Lowery

Δ Tied an NFL record (Nick Lowery) by amassing 100 points in a season for the 11th straight year with four field goals (25, 31, 20, 26) and two PAT's at Arizona (12/21).

Pro Career

Take a look at the solid numbers that this future Hall of Famer has produced over the years.

√ Holds 6 NFL records: consecutive games scored in, 222 (and counting); most 50-yard field goals career, 33; most 50-yard FG's in season, 8 (in '95); most 50-yard FG's in game, 3 (in '95); all-time 100-point seasons, 11 (tied with Nick Lowery); and most Pro Bowls by kicker, 7.

√ #3 in NFL history in all-time field goals made with 378, five behind Lowery and seven away from Gary Anderson.

√ #5 in NFL history in all-time points scored with 1,633.

√ #2 in NFL history in most seasons with 20 or more field goals with 14.

√ #2 in NFL history in longest field goal made with a 60-yarder (in '91) and #4 with a 59-yarder (in '95).

√ #2 in NFL history in all-time 20 field goal seasons with 14.

√ #15 in NFL history in all-time games played with 244 (#6 by a kicker).

√ Has kicked 25 game-winners through the uprights in career.

√ Has booted 15 career 4 FG games, 36 career 3 FG games, 6 games with 5 FG's.

√ In three seasons with the Falcons, he has hit 76 of 93 field goals for a 81.7% rate (ahead of his career % of 78.3).

√ Converted 69 field goals in-a-row from 29 yards and in (1989-present).

"Ripken-esque" Streak

In similar fashion to Cal Ripken's and Joe DiMaggio's all-time baseball longevity streaks, Andersen has built up an **NFL record longevity streak of 222 consecutive games scored in** from 1983 through 1997 and counting. He broke Jim Breech's mark of 186 at Miami with his first extra point in '95 and he continues "The Streak" into its 16th season. This is a rare streak of scoring success that may never be broken.

Notebook

The Falcons ensured that the future Hall of Famer would be in an Atlanta uniform for another three years when they inked him his new three-year deal before the start of the free agent period. Morten was released for salary cap reasons after 13 seasons in New Orleans and quickly signed by the Falcons 24 hours later on July 21, 1995. He left his name in the **Saints record book for career points with 1,318, field goals with 302, and consecutive games scored in with 174.** A longtime Falcons nemesis, Andersen had kicked five game-winning field goals against the birds in the past. One of the most recognizable and loved Saints players in team history, there once was 16,000 copies sold of a poster bearing his likeness in the "Crescent City." In'85, he and punter Brian Hansen cut a song, "Take It To the Top", which sold 5,000 copies. A former Danish soccer player, Morten's route to the U. S. came as a foreign exchange student at the age of 17 (in August of '77). He stayed at the home of the Dale Bakers of Indianapolis, Indiana. He was invited to watch something called football for the first time at a practice for one of Bakers' sons. When he was asked to kick some field goals (of course, soccer-style) by the coach he impressed everyone by booting a 50 yarder. Soon after, he was hitting them through the uprights for Ben Davis High School. College recruiters began to take notice as he hit five of seven field goals and he chose Michigan State over Purdue to continue his education at an American school. He displayed his overall athletic ability in high school by also **excelling as a long jumper on the track team**. Andersen is **fluent in four languages** namely; Danish, German, French, and

English. He once said he would have probably become a translator if he hadn't decided to pursue pro football. The "Outstanding Sports Citizen of the Year" by the New Orleans Sports Foundation (in '90), Morten has lent a hand in the community whenever possible. He was involved in a **"Kicks for Kids"** program in which **raised over $400,000 for New Orleans hospitals**. Morten is a believer in creative visualization and everyday in practice will walk himself through different kicking scenarios in which each one ends with a successful kick. He's not a person who ever dwells on the negative. He deletes each kick from memory so as not to lose focus on the next kick. *"The ball leaves your foot, and the kick leaves your mind,"* he said. Known as one of the best pressure kickers ever, he even breaks down that notion with a positive approach. *"The pressure associated with important kicks is a perceived notion, something created by the fans and media. As long as I'm relaxed and at peace, then pressure is nonexistent."* One of the most popular and friendliest players in the NFL, he keeps his job in perspective by saying...*"There are one billion people in China who could care less about what I do."*

College Career

A first team All-America as a senior at Michigan State, he is still the **school record holder at Michigan State for his 63-yarder** during his final season. Morten was also named to the **all-academic team for sporting a 3.25 GPA** in communications and German with minors in marketing and French. His penchant for booming kickoffs began in college as 39 of his 56 kicks as a senior were touchbacks. He set a then-Big 10 Conference record with 45 career field goals, while establishing Spartan school records for PAT's (126) and total points (261).

Personal

The son of Hanne, a school teacher and librarian, and Erik Andersen, a psychologist and supervisor of educational programs for handicapped children, Morten was raised in Struer, Denmark (9,000 pop.), but was born in Copenhagen. He has a twin brother, Jakob, who is in the exporting business in Moscow. Andersen **made it to his seventh Super Bowl** in '97 in New Orleans, serving **as an analyst for Danish television** - TV 3 ScanSat. Morten became so good at his native sport of soccer that he almost made the Danish national team. He is married to the former Jennifer Rich.

Morten's Year-by-Year Honors

1995: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl - - - - AP All-Pro, College & Pro Football Newsweekly All-Pro - - - Football Digest All-Pro - - -Football News All-NFC - - - -Pro Football Weekly/ PFWA All-Pro - - - - Sporting News All-Pro - - - -Sports Illustrated All-Pro - - - - UPI All-NFC - - USA Today All-Pro - - Pro Football Weekly Kicker of Year - - - NFC SpTms Player of the Month (Dec & Sept) - - - - NFC SpTms Playerof the Week (Week 3, Week 15, Week 17) - - - Miller Lite National Player of the Week (15) - - NFL Alumni Kicker of Year
Pro Bowl: 1995, '92, '90, '88, '87, '86, '85, '84
NFL Team of the 1980's Decade (named 1989)
NFL Alumni Kicker of the Year (1995, 1989)
NFC Special Teams Player of the Week: 5 times - 1995 (3 times), '94 (1), '93 (1)

M. ANDERSEN

Year	Team	GP	PAT	ATT	FG	ATT	FG%	LG	Blk	Pts.	KO's/TB's
1982	N.O.	8	6	6	2	5	40.0	45	0	12	27/9
1983	N.O.	16	37	38	18	24	75.0	52	2	91	73/30
1984	N.O.	16	34	34	20	27	74.1	53	1	94	65/21
1985	N.O.	16	27	29	31	35	88.6	55	0	120	74/28
1986	N.O.	16	30	30	26	30	86.7	53	0	108	70/32
1987	N.O.	12	37	37	28	36	77.8	52	0	121	74/38
1988	N.O.	16	32	33	26	36	72.2	51	1	110	73/29
1989	N.O.	16	44	45	20	29	69.0	49	1	104	82/30
1990	N.O.	16	29	29	21	27	77.8	52	1	92	66/30
1991	N.O.	16	38	38	25	32	78.1	60	0	113	79/43
1992	N.O.	16	33	34	29	34	85.3	52	0	120	81/40
1993	N.O.	16	33	33	28	35	80.0	56	0	117	76/35
1994	N.O.	16	32	32	28	39	71.8	48	4	116	82/14
1995	Atl	16	29	30	31	37	83.8	59	2	122	81/27
1996	Atl	16	31	31	22	29	75.9	54	0	97	69/16
1997	Atl	16	35	35	23	27	85.2	55	0	104	64/17
NFL Totals:		**244**	**507**	**514**	**378**	**482**	**78.4**	**60**	**12**	**1641**	**1136/439**

Field Goal Breakdown

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50 +	Total
1982	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-3	0-1	2-5
1983	2-2	8-8	3-4	2-6	3-4	18-24
1984	0-0	9-9	4-5	5-10	2-3	20-27
1985	0-0	4-5	13-14	11-12	3-4	31-35
1986	1-1	11-11	6-7	6-6	2-5	26-30
1987	3-3	6-6	9-9	8-12	2-6	28-36
1988	1-1	11-12	8-11	5-8	1-4	26-36
1989	0-0	7-8	10-11	3-6	0-4	20-29
1990	0-0	5-5	5-6	8-12	3-4	21-27
1991	0-0	6-6	11-13	6-9	2-4	25-32
1992	0-0	10-10	8-10	8-11	3-3	29-34
1993	2-2	7-7	7-7	11-14	1-5	28-35
1994	0-0	9-9	11-14	8-10	0-6	28-39
1995	1-1	8-8	11-11	3-8	8-9	31-37
1996	0-0	5-5	9-11	7-8	1-5	22-29
1997	1-1	10-10	7-7	3-6	2-3	23-27
Totals:	**11-11**	**116-119**	**123-141**	**95-141**	**33-70**	**378-482**

WINNING KICKS

- 25 Game-deciding kicks
- 4 made in OT
- 4 made as clock expired
- 5 made in last 10 seconds
- 8 of 40 yards or longer

Playoffs

Year	Team	GP	PAT's	FG's	LG	Points
1987	N.O.	1	1-1	1-1	40	4
1990	N.O.	1	0-0	2-4	47	6
1991	N.O.	1	2-2	2-2	45	8
1992	N.O.	1	2-2	2-2	42	8
1995	Atl	1	2-2	2-2	31	8
Totals:		**5**	**7-7**	**9-11**	**47**	**34**

Morten's Atlanta Records

Most points, season 122
Most FG's, season 31
Most 50-yard FG's 8
Longest Field Goal 59

Yearly Highlights

1997:	6th NFC - 104 points
	6th NFC - 23 FG's
1996:	8th NFC - 22 FG's
	7th NFC - 97 points
1995:	2nd NFL - 31 FG's
	6th NFL - 122 points
	NFL Alumni Kicker of Year
1994:	2nd NFC - 116 points
	2nd NFC - 28 FG's
1993:	4th NFC - 117 points
	25 consecutive FG's
	3rd NFC - 28 FG's
1992:	1st tie NFC - 120 pts
	1st NFC - 85.3% FG's
	2nd NFC - 29 FG's
1991:	3rd NFC - 113 points
	4th NFC - 25 FG's
1990:	2nd NFC - 77.8% FG's
	8th NFC - 92 points
	7th NFC - 21 FG's
1989:	NFL Alumni Kicker of Year
	6th NFC - 104 points
	7th NFC - 20 FG's
1988:	3rd NFC - 110 points
	2nd NFC - 26 FG's
1987:	1st NFL - 121 points
1986:	4th NFC - 108 points
	1st NFL - 86.7% FG's
	2nd NFC - 26 FG's
	20 consecutive FG's
1985:	2nd NFC - 120 points
	1st tie NFC - 31 FG's
1984:	9th NFC - 94 points
	8th NFC - 20 FG's
1983:	9th NFC - 91 points
	8th NFC - 18 FG's

Longest Field Goals

FG's of 50 + Yds

60 vs. Chicago, 10-27-91
59 vs. San Francisco, 12-24-95
56 at Philadelphia, 12-26-93
55 at New Orleans, 10-12-97
55 vs. New Orleans, 12-10-95
55 vs. New Orleans, 12-10-95
55 at Denver, 9-15-85
55 at Dallas, 10-20-96
54 vs. New England, 10-1-95
53 at N.Y. Jets, 10-26-86
53 at Cleveland, 10-28-84
52 vs. San Francisco, 12-24-95
52 at Arizona, 10-18-92
52 at San Francisco, 12-1-91
52 vs. Cleveland, 10-14-90
52 vs. Green Bay, 12-27-87
52 at Philadelphia, 12-11-83
51 vs. Oakland, 9-14-97
51 vs. New Orleans, 12-10-95
51 vs. Carolina, 9-3-95
51 vs. Tampa Bay, 9-25-88
51 at L.A. Rams, 11-3-85
50 at Buffalo, 11-12-95
50 vs. Tampa Bay, 11-1-92
50 at Detroit, 10-4-92
50 vs. Pittsburgh, 12-16-90
50 at Dallas, 12-2-90
50 at San Francisco, 11-15-87
50 vs. San Francisco, 11-2-86
50 vs. Kansas City, 9-8-85
50 at Dallas, 10-21-84
50 at Tampa Bay, 10-23-83
50 at Philadelphia, 12-11-83

Career Bests

Most FG's Made - Game

5 vs. Dallas (10-20-96)
5 vs. New England, 10-1-95
5 vs. Atlanta, 12-11-94
5 vs. Atlanta, 12-13-92
5 vs. S.F., 10-25-87
5 vs. L.A. Rams, 12-1-85

Most FG's Attempted, Game

7 vs. S.F., 10-25-87

Most 50-Yard FG's, Game

3 vs. N.O., 12-10-95
2 vs. S.F., 12-24-95
2 at Phil, 12-11-83

Most Points - Game

17 vs. Atlanta, 12-11-94
17 vs. L.A. Rams, 12-1-85
16 vs. Dallas, 10-20-96
16 vs. New England, 10-1-95
16 vs. Atlanta, 12-13-92
16 vs. San Francisco, 10-25-87

Most PAT's Made, Game

6 vs. Denver, 11-20-88

Note – *Entering the 1998 season, Andersen had a streak of 76 consecutive PAT's dating back to a miss at Arizona on 11-26-85*

J. ANDERSON

JAMAL ANDERSON

RUNNING BACK • 5-11 • 234

5th Season • Utah

Born 9-30-72 • El Camino, CA

Acq: D7 '94 (201st)

Last Season

Jamal's second year as a full-time starter produced another 1,000 yard rushing season as he totaled 1,002 yards to finish 8th in the NFC. Let's breakdown his productive '97 season.

- Finished 5th in the NFC in scoring with a **career-high 10 touchdowns** (7 rush., 3 rec.). Also, tossed a 27 TD vs. S.F. to account for 11 total TD's.

- Ended up 10th in NFC in yards from scrimmage with 1,286.

- Rushed for a **personal-best of 162 yards** on 20 carries (8.4 avg.) vs. St. Louis and had 152 yards on 33 carries in the season finale @ Arizona. (He needed 150 yards in the last game to reach 1,000).

- Gained 78 yards vs. Philly, 72 @ St.L., 65 vs. N.O. & 62 @ N.O. in other top rushing efforts.

- Became only the **third Falcon running back to record back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons** (William Andrews, '79-80, Gerald Riggs, '84-85).

- Team was 5-2 in games when he carried the ball 20 or more times.

- Totaled 3 all-purpose 100-yard games @ Arizona (188), St. Louis (162), Denver (113).

- Named offensive MVP by coaches three times (Phil., St. L., Den.).

- Displayed his pass receiving skills by hauling in 3 catches for 68 yards, 3rd most most yds. ever, vs. Den. and tied a career-high with 7 receptions for 47 yards vs. T.B. Scored receiving touchdowns vs. Den., @ Car., and @ Sea.

- Ranked 8th in NFL in 1st downs rushing with 69, and 15th in big play runs (10 yds or more) with 25.

Pro Career

Anderson became the **first Falcon running back to score 10 touchdowns in a season since Gerald Riggs** totaled 10 (rushing) **in '85**. If he gains 1,000 yards on the ground again this season, it will mark the first time a Falcon runner has rushed for 1,000 in three consecutive seasons since Gerald Riggs accomplished the feat in 1984-86. He would also tie the club of William Andrews and Riggs with three straight 1,000 yard seasons. Jamal heads into the '97 season ranked #7 in team history books with 2,217 career rushing yards. To show how far he has come in such a short time, if he rushes for 1,274 yards this year, he will move into third place all-time, surpassing Dave Hampton ('72-76), and behind only Riggs and Andrews. In his two seasons as a starter, he has an all-purpose total of 2,814 yards, including 14 all-purpose games with 100-yards or more. His first two years in Atlanta he served an apprenticeship, learning from veteran Craig Heyward. He watched Heyward have consecutive career years and perform in a Pro Bowl (in '95). But Anderson showed his future promise in a reserve role when provided an opportunity. For example, he gained 56 rushing yards in the second half at Tampa Bay in '95. He registered the **5th highest total in kickoff return yardage in team annals** for a single game by totaling **180 yards on eight returns at Arizona** that same season.

College Career

Jamal was an All-WAC pick for the Utes of Utah as a senior, averaging a punishing 5.7 yards per carry. He totaled 1,275 yards during his career in Salt Lake City on the ground, including 1,030 with five 100 yard games in '93, and 242 yards on 35 receptions through the air. The strong runner was known for his ability to run either inside or outside like a tailback or fullback. Despite playing for a college that doesn't receive much national media coverage, Anderson made the most of his opportunity in the Freedom Bowl. He closed out his career with 133 all-purpose yards with a 34-yard touchdown run against Southern Cal. He stole the spotlight from heralded S.D. State runner Marshall Faulk in a '93 game. Jamal had 23-156 and three TD's to outshine Faulk's 22-141-1 TD game as Anderson's Utes prevailed.

Most Yards Rushing by a Falcon

1.	202	Gerald Riggs @ New Orleans, 9-2-84
2.	197	Gerald Riggs @ Kansas City, 12-8-85
3.	192	Erric Pegram @ San Francisco, 9-19-93
4.	180	Erric Pegram @ Cincinnati, 12-16-93
5.	172	Gerald Riggs @ Miami, 11-30-86
6.	167	William Andrews @ N.O., 9-2-79
7.	**162**	**Jamal Anderson vs. St. Louis, 11-2-97**
8.	162	Steve Broussard @ Washington, 12-19-93
9.	161	William Andrews @ Miami, 12-10-83
10.	158	Gerald Riggs vs. New Orleans, 12-22-85
11.	158	William Andrews vs. Buffalo, 12-17-83
12.	155	Mike Rozier vs. Dallas, 12-30-90
13.	**152**	**Jamal Anderson vs. Arizona, 12-21-97**
14.	150	William Andrews vs. Philadelphia, 10-2-83

Notebook

Whether it's addressing a school assembly at Shiloh Middle School in Lithonia, Ga. during the season or talking to 4,000 6th graders as part of a Project Youth conference in Los Angeles in the off-season, Jamal enjoys any opportunity to positively impact kids. In 1996, Jamal read a *Sports Illustrated* article about a high school football player who gave up his kidney and ended his football career to save his grandmother. Anderson was so moved by the character of Daniel Huffman of Rossville, Illinois that he flew him into Atlanta to be his guest all weekend for a game against the Rams. Jamal was asked by the school's principal to give the commencement address at Huffman's graduation from Rossville-Alvin High School for the class of '97. *"Off the field, Jamal is a giving person," said Huffman. "No matter what he does, he does it with a lot of heart."* Jamal has a lethal weapon in his **trademark stiff-arm** that he **learned at the age of nine**, playing in Pop Warner (although he started playing at age 7) from his father, James, a former bodyguard of three-time heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali. It's hard to believe that Anderson's name wasn't called on draft day '94 until the final (7th) round. **Two hundred players were selected before him**, including 24 running backs. An articulate and engaging person, he appeared on CNN's nationally-seen **"Talk Back Live"**, along **with baseball great Hank Aaron**, discussing the state of professional sports and role models. He **appeared on the "Oprah Winfrey Show"** along with Dorsey Levens, Michael Cheever, and Brian Roche to discuss the lifestyles of a young, single pro athlete. All four players became volunteers for Oprah's Angel Network which will help build an "Oprah House" in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. One of his latest ventures was setting up **his own web page** ("Athlete's Direct") on America On-line this past off-season, which includes a message board with return reply's from Jamal, a daily journal produced by Jamal, photo gallery, and merchandise to buy. The always active Anderson also **hosted his own one hour radio show** last fall on WZGC FM Z-93. His off-seasons are split between **managing his restaurant**, Soul Food, in Salt Lake City, and with his **production company**, JAM Productions.

Personal

Anderson was an All-League, All-Region, and All-Valley selection at El Camino Real H.S. in California. The All-State and *LA Times* all-star choice was a team captain and Most Valuable Player as a senior in '89. He was recruited by some of the best colleges in the West like California, USC, UCLA, Arizona, and Arizona State but chose Utah because it was the school which stressed his educational opportunities as much as his football skills. Before Utah, he attended Moorpark Junior College. One of eight children, Jamal is used to being in the spotlight surrounded by stars. **His father, James**, (former New Jersey police officer) was **chief of security for sports stars** and **Hollywood entertainers**. Muhammad Ali used to

entertain Jamal and his friends with magic tricks when he came to visit and "Uncle" **Muhammad** was in **hospital waiting room** when he was born. **Sugar Ray Leonard** sang at his father's birthday party once and he **let Jamal visit his dressing room** after fights. (He was there when Sugar Ray beat "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler.) Former Lakers guard Byron Scott would come over to cut his hair. Other guests who paid visits to the Anderson house included Mike Tyson, Richard Pryor, Donna Summers, and Diana Ross, among others. He displayed his confident demeanor as a rookie when after seeing his name listed on a blackboard at the bottom of the depth chart (as the fifth running back) he quickly drew an arrow from his name to the top of the list. His father is now the security consultant for *Boys II Men* and the group watches Falcon games on a satellite dish. Anderson is also friends with the group, *New Edition*, who wear his #32 jersey on stage and he toured with them in the spring of '97. He can **squat 670 pounds** with his huge legs and bench press 465 pounds.

Anderson's Career Statistics

Rushing

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1994	Atl	3/0	2	-1	-0.5	0	0
1995	Atl	16/0	39	161	4.1	13	1
1996	Atl	16/12	232	1,055	4.5	32t	5
1997	Atl	16/15	290	1,002	3.5	39	7
Totals:		**51/27**	**563**	**2,217**	**3.9**	**39**	**13**

Receiving

Year	Team	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1994	Atl	0	0	0	0	0
1995	Atl	4	42	10.5	17	0
1996	Atl	49	473	9.7	34	1
1997	Atl	29	284	9.8	47t	3
Totals:		**82**	**799**	**9.7**	**47t**	**4**

Kickoff Returns

Year	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1994	1	11	11.0	11	0
1995	24	541	22.5	35	0
1996	4	80	20.0	27	0
1997	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals:	**29**	**632**	**21.8**	**35**	**0**

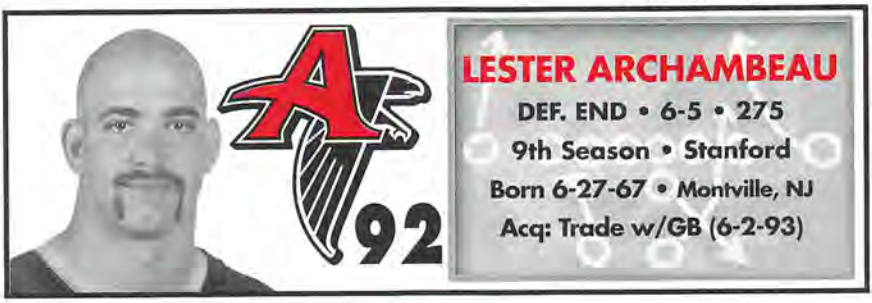
Total Yards

1994 10
1995 744
1996 1,608
1997 1,286
Totals: 3,648

Anderson's Best Games

Rushes	Yards	Long	TD's
33 @ Ariz (12-21-97) 26 @ Dall (10-20-96) 22 @ S.D. (12-7-97) 22 vs. Car (11-3-96) 21 (3 times)	162 vs. StL (11-2-97) 152 @ Ariz (12-21-97) 109 vs. Car (11-3-96) 108 @ Car (9-1-96) 103 @ Det (10-6-96)	39 vs. StL (11-2-97) 32t vs. Car (11-3-96) 31 vs. StL (11-2-97) 25 vs. Car (11-3-96) 24 vs. Car (9-1-95)	3 @ Detroit (10-6-96) 2 @ StL (11-16-97) 1 (8 times)

Receptions	Yards	Long	TD's
7 vs. T.B. (11-9-97) 7 vs. StL (12-15-96) 7 at Dall (10-20-96) 5 vs. Pitt (10-27-96) 5 vs. Phil (9-22-96)	74 vs. StL (12-15-96) 71 vs. Car (11-3-96) 68 vs. Den (9-28-97) 53 vs. Pitt (10-27-96) 53 vs. Hou (10-13-96)	47t vs. Den (9-28-97) 34 vs. Car (11-3-96) 34 @ Raid (10-23-94) 27 vs. Pitt 10-27-96) 26 vs. Car (11-3-96)	1 @ Sea (11-30-97) 1 @ Car (10-26-97) 1 vs. Den (9-28-97) 1 @ StL (11-10-96)



LESTER ARCHAMBEAU
DEF. END • 6-5 • 275
9th Season • Stanford
Born 6-27-67 • Montville, NJ
Acq: Trade w/GB (6-2-93)

Last Season

Lester settled in as the team's starting left end for all 16 games for the first time in his career after splitting time in previous seasons as end and tackle. The results were impressive as Archambeau finished with **career-highs in sacks with 8.5** (3rd best on team), QB pressures with 26 (3rd best), **forced fumbles with a team-high 5**, and **fumble recoveries with a team-high 3**, while making 66 tackles. Archambeau was part of a defensive line which rang up 43.5 QB sacks out of the new team record of 55 (2nd-best in NFL). Led by the charges up front, Archambeau also helped the unit finish with the 8th best rushing defense in the NFL (only 104 per game). He started out strong in the season opener at Detroit (8/31) by **establishing personal-bests with two QB sacks of Scott Mitchell, two forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries**, while **holding Barry Sanders to just 33 yards** rushing. Archambeau continued his torrid pace the following week by sacking Carolina's Steve Beuerlein twice, forcing a fumble, recording 9 tackles with 4 QB pressures. After the first three weeks of the season, he led the NFL in sacks with four. In the return encounter with the Panthers (10/26) he had 6 tackles, a fumble recovery, and a half a sack. At Seattle (11/30), he accounted for 1.5 sacks, 1 forced fumble, and a personal-best 5 QB pressures. Against New Orleans (11/23), he had another sack, 4 tackles and a pressure and at San Diego (12/7) Lester registered 4 tackles, a sack, 2 QB pressures, and 1 pass defensed. In the Falcons' victory over the Eagles, he intercepted a Bobby Hoying pass to **record his first NFL theft** and totaled a half a sack, 2 pressures, and three tackles to earn defensive player of the game honors by the coaching staff. In the season finale at Arizona (12/21), Archambeau collared 4 tackles, 3 pressures and 1 pass defensed. His accomplishments last season were even more impressive when you consider he fought through a variety of nagging injuries, but still managed to be in the lineup for every game. With that in mind, Lester was named to *USA Today's* sixth annual **All-Joe team** which honors "the unrecognized, the overlooked, the hard-working stiffs" of the NFL.

Pro Career

Since coming over from the Packers in a '93 trade (for WR James Milling) dependable Lester has now worked his way into the **starting lineup in 60 out of 78 games played** in a Falcons uniform. He's now an NFL vet of 114 games total. His pro debut was curtailed when he suffered a freak back injury in Green Bay's weight room in his initial season (in '90). Archambeau's role in his first year on the field was as a pass rusher for a Packer defense that finished 10th and he led all linemen with 4.5 QB sacks (including 1.5 vs. Jeff George of the Colts) in playing 16 games. He continued in that role the next season in '92 before heading to the South. Lester's first year with the Falcons produced a then career-high 67 tackles in a personal-best 11 starts in '93. He posted consecutive 48 and 45 tackle seasons the next two years before having a career-year in '96. That season the former Stanford Cardinal contributed heavily with a personal-best 91 tackles and 51 solos to finish tied for third on the team's tackle charts (just seven away from second place). Included in those totals were 10 games where he had five or more tackles in a single game. Lester's **first NFL sack** came at the hands **of QB Dan Marino**.

Notebook

Lester has made some memorable plays since arriving in Atlanta. Archambeau's critical sack and subsequent fumble recovery of Carolina QB Frank Reich in overtime led to Morten Andersen's 35-yard game-winning FG in the opener in '95 that was Carolina's first

ever game. He helped ensure the Falcons' '95 Playoff berth in the season's last game against San Francisco, as he sacked Steve Young in the final minute of play to force a 3rd-and-14 and set-up a game-saving interception on the next play. It was his key stop on New Orleans' Torrance Small on a two-point conversion attempt that secured the birds' 17-15 victory in '96. It's Lester's relentless never-say-die attitude which has allowed him to make these plays and earn a starting position in the NFL. *"I've never been around anybody more intense,"* noted Falcons Head Coach Dan Reeves last year. *"He studies the game and does a good job of transferring that knowledge from the tape to the field."* His style of play has earned him respect from players and coaches around the league. *"If you don't finish him with the block, he's going to get involved in the play,"* said Panthers Head Coach Dom Capers. It wouldn't be a stretch to say Archambeau's career has taken off since coming to Atlanta. Over the past **five years with the Falcons, he has accumulated 317 tackles** for a productive average of 63 tackles per season. Lester received his degree in Industrial Engineering from Stanford. He has three sisters, one who holds a PhD from Cal-Berkeley, one who is an Executive at IBM, and another one who is a Director of Resources of a Pharmaceutical company.

College Career

A four-year starter for the Stanford Cardinal from 1986-89, he started every game he played during his career, **tying a school record with 45 consecutive starts.** The second team All-PAC 10 choice was fourth on the squad with 57 tackles as a senior, including six for minus 22 yards in losses.

Personal

A devout family man, Lester Milward III was particularly pleased last season when his parents, Mera and Lester II, were in town visiting when he was going on his early sack streak. Archambeau was the recipient of the **Jim Reynolds Award** at Stanford for "his courage on the field and devotion to the game." Lester graduated from Montville (N.J.) High School with a **4.4 GPA** (on a 4.0 scale) because he took some calculus, advanced science and engineering courses. He earned eight total letters in three sports as a prep and still found time to run a newspaper route. He was a high school academic All-America as well as a *USA Today* All-America on both offense and defense. He was awarded the **Garden State Distinguished Scholar Athlete Award** at Montville High. He and his wife, Kathleen, have one son, Lester IV (2), who goes by the name of "Trey," and a daughter, Kellyn.

Archambeau's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	Sacks	Press.	FF	FR	BB
1990	GB	4/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1991	GB	16/0	24	20	4.5	5	1	0	0
1992	GB	16/0	29	20	1.0	6	2	0	0
1993	Atl	15/11	67	45	0	14	1	0	0
1994	Atl	16/12	48	30	2.0	12	2	0	0
1995	Atl	16/6	45	26	3.0	20	1	1	0
1996	Atl	15/15	91	51	2.0	18	0	0	0
1997	Atl	16/16	66	45	8.5	26	5	3	0
Totals:		**114/60**	**370**	**237**	**21.0**	**101**	**12**	**4**	**0**

Archambeau's Best Games

Tackles	Sacks	QB Pressures	QB Pressures
12 @ Jacks (12-22-96) 10 vs. Ari (1-2-94) 9 vs. Car (9-7-97) 9 @ StL (11-10-96) 8 (3 times)	2.0 vs. Car (9-7-97) 2.0 @ Det (8-31-97) 1.5 vs. Indy (11-24-91)	5 @ Sea (11-30-97) 4 vs. Car (9-7-97) 4 vs. NO (12-10-95) 4 vs. Ari (12-24-94)	4 vs. Ari (12-24-94) 4 vs. NO (12-10-95) 3 (5 times)

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CHRIS BAYNE

SAFETY • 6-1 • 205
2nd Season • Fresno State
Born 3-22-75 • Riverside, CA
Acq: D7 – '97 (222nd)

Last Season

Chris' first season in the pro's was mainly spent playing on special teams and learning the safety position from veterans William White and Devin Bush. Bayne was inactive for the first two weeks of the season because of a lingering hamstring injury sustained in the preseason and made his debut vs. Oakland (9/14) on special teams. He recorded his first pro tackle from his safety position vs. S.F. (10/19). Chris performed the challenging task as one of the "gunners" or outside cover men on punts. His job was to fight through double-team blocks, while at the same time, sprint downfield to try to disrupt a return or force a fair catch. He and the rest of the punt cover team helped punter Dan Stryzinski by only allowing 21 of 89 punts to be returned for 55 yards, fewest in the NFL. In the final 12 games, Bayne and his punt coverage teammates allowed just 2 returns for positive yardage. Also, because of Bayne's ability to get downfield in time, Stryzinski led the NFL in forcing fair catches with 45. The Falcons' kickoff coverage units were the sixth-best in the NFL (23.5). Bayne made the Falcons roster after a strong preseason showing where he collected 10 total tackles, including 5 tackles, an interception, and a pass defensed against the Redskins (8/16).

College Career

Chris was moved to outside linebacker as a senior at Fresno State under coach Jim Sweeney and responded with 77 tackles, 6 passes defensed, 3 QB sacks, and an interception. Bayne collared a **career-high 16 tackles vs. Air Force** and had 12 vs. Wyoming. In his first season with the Bulldogs in '95, Bayne lined up as a safety and he made 25 tackles, four passes defensed, and one interception despite missing the final six games of the year with a right shoulder injury that required surgery. His top tackle game was six stops vs. UCLA, Pacific (45-yd interception) and New Mexico. Bayne played two years at San Bernardino Valley Junior College as a safety, recording seven interceptions, including an 80-yard return for a score. A two-year starter in the secondary at San Bernardino, he earned first-team All-Football Conference honors in '93 and on the second-team in '94.

Notebook/Personal

Bayne was introduced to the physical aspect of the pro game early when he drew the assignment of performing on special teams in his first season. Often times, he and fellow "gunner" Juran Bolden would make side wages to see would get down the field first. *"You have to do something to take your mind off the fact that you're getting killed out there on every play,"* Bayne joked. *"It's the equivalent of running an obstacle course in the middle of a game,"* he continued. *"You scratch and claw every step of the way and do almost anything to shake free."* The significance of his role wasn't lost on his head coach. *"Being a gunner is one of the toughest jobs in this league, because it seems like nothing the other guy does to you is illegal,"* said Dan Reeves. Because of his athletic ability Fresno State switched Bayne from safety to the linebacker position (known as "Strike") for his senior season and he collected a career-high 77 tackles. An outside linebacker and running back at North High School in Riverside, CA., he also ran track, performing in the 100 meters and long jump. He was highly recruited by the likes of Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and Pittsburgh. A **biology major** at Fresno State, he would **like to attend Medical school** after his football career is over. Christopher hails from a family of two sons of Ralph and Deborah Bayne. His hobbies are computers and bowling.

Bayne's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	INT's	Yds	LG	TD	Sacks	FF	FR	PD	SpTm
1994	Atl	13/0	5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	3
Totals:		**13/0**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**

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CORNELIUS BENNETT

LINEBACKER • 6-2 • 240
12th Season • Alabama
Born 8-25-65 • Birmingham, AL
Acq: UFA – Buffalo (3-1-96)

Last Year

Cornelius amassed the **second-most tackles in his career with 115** to finish third on the team. It was his 5th 100+ tackle season of his career and the 75 solo stops were second only to Jessie Tuggle's 86. Bennett also collared his **most sacks since '91 with seven** to end up with the 5th highest total on the team as the Falcons set a new club record with 55 QB sacks on the season. He was named player of the game by the coaches for a team-high 9 tackles, 1.5 sacks, a forced fumble and 2 passes defensed at San Francisco (9/21). At Carolina (10/26), he had a club-best 1.5 sacks to go along with 10 tackles and a QB pressure. "Biscuit" led the team in tackles on three other occasions with 10 vs. Tampa Bay (11/9), 9 at St. Louis (11/16) and 8 vs. New Orleans (11/23). Bennett's fumble recovery vs. New Orleans was his **21st of his career** and moved him into **10th in NFL history**.

Pro Career

Bennett is ranked **16th in active total tackles leaders** in the NFL and 15th in solo stops, heading into the '98 season. Cornelius has now started 157 of 158 career games played in 11 seasons. He has played in 17 post season games, including five AFC Championship games (winning four) and four Super Bowls during the 90's. "Biscuit" has been voted to the Pro Bowl by his peers five times. He was tabbed **"Defensive Player of the Year"** by playing five different positions for the Bills (DE, OLB, ILB, NT, MLB) and finished with 107 tackles and 9 sacks in '91. He totaled four seasons with over 100 tackles in Buffalo, while recording 52.5 QB sacks and establishing a **Bills team record with 18 career fumble recoveries**. Bennett was named **"Rookie of the Year"** by *Sports Illustrated* in '90 and became the first player to be voted "Player of the Week" by the NFL in consecutive games. He has scored on an interception return (69 yds vs. New England in '95), a fumble return (6 yds vs. Miami in '91), and a blocked field goal return (80 yds vs. Denver in '90). In a **three-team deal involving four players and six draft picks**, Cornelius became a Buffalo Bill and RB Eric Dickerson went from the Rams to the Colts in one of the biggest trades in NFL history on Oct. 31, 1987.

Year-by-Year

1996: In his first season in the NFC with a new defensive system, Cornelius had a solid year, finishing 5th on the team in tackles with 87, despite missing the final three games with a quad injury. Bennett ended up with three QB sacks and 17 QB pressures, tops among non-linemen. Against the Vikings one of his eight total tackles on the day included a sack of QB Brad Johnson for minus nine-yards in which he forced a fumble on the play and the birds recovered. In the third quarter, he forced another fumble (by Robert Smith) and he recovered the ball at the Viking 19 yard line.

1995: Cornelius had one of his best NFL seasons, earning first alternate status to the Pro Bowl, in leading the Bills in total tackles (134), despite playing just 14 games. His '95 highlights included a **69-yard TD run with an INT of Drew Bledsoe** in a division game (Nov. 26). Cornelius had a **career-high 19 tackle game** in Week 14 at S.F., just one week after a 15-tackle effort vs. New England. He also came up with a big play in the Week 15 game that won the Division title for the 10-6 Bills, knocking away a Marino third down pass in the final five minutes of the game with the Bills up by just three points.

1994: Led the team in QB Pressures (16) and fumbles recovered (3) and made his 100th career start at N.E. (9-11).

1993: Bennett set a club career mark for fumbles recovered (vs NE). He recorded first sack ever of Drew Bledsoe (9-5) and **led Bills in tackles in Super Bowl**, 4th on team with 102 in regular season.

1992: Had 21 tackles in postseason, second on team. Ended streak of 91 straight starts in regular season finale to rest hamstring for playoffs. Played 11 games at OLB, 7 at ILB, including Playoffs.

1991: Lined up during course of season at five different spots for Bills (OLB, ILB, MLB, DE, and NT). Led team in QB sacks (9), QB pressures (21) and had 4 forced fumbles. Scored TD on Monday Night football, sacking Marino, forcing fumble, recovering fumble, and running six yards for the touchdown. Had at least one sack in five straight games.

1990: Had **80-yard TD on blocked FG return** vs. Denver (9-30). He totaled a QB sack and four tackles for losses on runs vs. Raiders, plus a forced fumble and fumble recovery.

1989: Hampered by knee and shoulder injuries.

1988: Second on team with 103 tackles and 9.5 QB sacks. Had first career interception (vs Minn.) and fumble recovery in overtime to set up game-winning FG (Jets) in game that clinched AFC title.

1987: Fifth on team with 69 tackles in just eight games after trade on Oct. 31. Had a **QB sack in first career game** (vs. Denver Nov. 8). Was Player of Week vs. Eagles in season finale (Dec. 27) when he had **17 tackles, four QB sacks, and three forced fumbles**. Had 8.5 QB sacks as rookie in just 8 games.

College Career

One of the greatest in a long list of Alabama stars, Cornelius won the nation's Vince Lombardi Trophy (making him the first LB to ever win an award designed for linemen). Bennett was chosen as Alabama's Player of the Decade for the 1980's and a member of the all-decade team of the SEC for the 1980's. Indianapolis made him the second player picked in the '87 draft (behind QB Testaverde) after a senior year that included 10 QB sacks, 6 forced fumbles, 21 total tackles for losses, and two passes tipped, despite missing first two games of season. He was a **three-time All-SEC pick** with 287 tackles, 16 sacks, 15 passes defensed, and three fumbles recovered. He added a big-play on special teams (48 yard blocked punt and TD return vs. LSU). Cornelius played on three Bowl teams and was the most valuable player when the Crimson Tide beat Washington in the Sun Bowl. He was defensive most valuable player the year before when Alabama beat Southern Cal, 24-3, in the Aloha Bowl. His first Bowl was a 28-7 win over 5th ranked SMU in the Sun Bowl, the only TD his team allowed in the three Bowl games he played. Bennett enjoyed other moments like being SEC player of the week after a win over Georgia and a game-saving deflection on a two-point PAT attempt to Bo Jackson to save a 25-23 win over powerhouse Auburn.

Notebook/Personal

The youngest of six children to Lino, a steelworker, and Lillie, a homemaker, Cornelius O'landa Bennett was born in Birmingham, AL. on August 25, 1965. His nickname of "Biscuit" has been with him since a young age when he would devour his mom's tasty biscuits. Bennett was raised in a strong Southern family with an inherent work ethic. *"I have more respect for my dad than any person in the world,"* Cornelius believes. So his 74 year-old father could see him play is one of the main reasons he stated for signing with the Falcons. For Ensley High School in Birmingham, "Biscuit" was an intimidating force on both offense and defense. This Alabama high school legend **had his #32 jersey officially retired in '87** and placed in the trophy case for posterity. The bruising fullback rambled for 1,099 rushing yards and scored 12 more TD's when lining up as the tight end. He also found time to play a little quarterback. His dominance continued on defense as a DE, LB, and even DB.

Bennett's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	Sacks	Press.	INT	PD	FF	FR
1987	Buff	8/7	69	54	8.5	-	0	0	5	0
1988	Buff	16/16	103	85	9.5	-	2	5	3	3
1989	Buff	12/12	54	43	5.5	-	2	3	1	2
1990	Buff	16/16	96	71	4.0	18	0	7	3	2
1991	Buff	16/16	107	84	9.0	21	0	6	4	2
1992	Buff	15/15	81	61	4.0	15	0	5	2	3
1993	Buff	16/16	102	81	5.0	15	1	6	1	1
1994	Buff	16/16	90	63	5.0	16	0	8	1	3
1995	Buff	14/14	134	91	2.0	7	1	9	0	2
1996	Atl	13/13	87	58	3.0	17	1	8	2	2
1997	Atl	16/16	115	75	7.0	10	0	6	3	1
Totals:		**158/157**	**1038**	**766**	**62.5**	**119**	**7**	**63**	**25**	**21**

Bennett's Best Games

Tackles	Sacks	INT's	FF's	TD's
19 @ S.F. (12-3-95) 17 @ Phil (12-27-87) 15 vs. N.E. (11-26-95) 15 vs. N.E. (12-18-90) 14 vs. Car (9-7-97)	4 @ Phil (12-27-87) 2 vs. Den (9-26-94) 2 vs. Den (9-30-90) 2 vs. Jets (10-22-89)	1 – 7 times Most recently at N.O. (11-27-96)	3 @ Phil (12-27-87) 2 vs. Minn (9-8-96)	1 @ Mia (11-18-91)

Post-Season

In 17 NFL playoff games, Cornelius has registered 103 total tackles (72 solo). He also has 16 QB pressures and 3.5 QB sacks.

Bennett's Honors

1995

- Miller Lite Player of the Game (NE)
- First alternate in Pro Bowl balloting
- Designated Bills Franchise player

1994

- *UPI* All-AFC (second team)
- AFC Player of the Week (week 4-Denver) 7th time of career

1993

- *Football News* All-AFC team

1991

- *UPI* AFC Defensive Player of the Year
- *UPI* All-AFC Pro Football Weekly All-AFC
- N.E.A. All-Pro first team
- *Sports Illustrated* Dr. Z's All-Pro team
- All-Madden Team
- AFC Player of the Week (week 4- T.B.)

1990

- *UPI* All-AFC team
- AFC Defensive Player of Week in back-to-back games (vs. Raiders and Broncos); First ever to be honored in consecutive weeks.

1989

- *UPI* All-AFC second team

1988

- First Team – *AP, Pro Football Writers Assn, Sporting News, Football News, Pro Football Weekly*
- All-NFL first team.
- NFL Players Assn. LB of the Year
- AFC Defensive Player of Month (Oct)
- AFC Defensive Player of Week (Week 6 and 9-Indy and Green Bay)

1987

- *Sports Illustrated* Dr. Z's Rookie of Year
- *UPI* and *Pro Football Weekly's* All-NFL Rookie team

JURAN BOLDEN

CORNERBACK • 6-2 • 201
3rd Season • Mississippi Delta
Born 6-27-74 • Tampa, FL
Acq: D4 '96 (127th)

Last Year

Bolden turned into a special teams standout and capable nickel back when called on in his second season in Atlanta. Juran (pronounced JUR-on) played in 13 games with one start in nickel coverage at Seattle (11/30). He recorded four special teams tackles and six other tackles in the secondary in '97. Performing the difficult chore of being an outside "gunner" on the Falcons' punt coverage teams, he played a role in helping punter Dan Stryzinski lead the NFL in fair catches forced (45) and by allowing only 21 of 89 punts to be returned. The **2.6 yards per average surrendered** by the punt coverage teams was **tops in the NFL** and the **lowest mark allowed in 10 years** by a special teams unit. Bolden was also part of a kickoff coverage team which was the sixth-best by allowing just 23.5 yards per return. According to rankings compiled annually by the *Dallas Morning News* (teams were rated in 19 categories), the Falcons' special teams were #5 in the entire NFL. Juran recorded his first NFL start at Seattle (11/30) when the Falcons opened with three cornerbacks and he registered a personal-best four tackles and knocked down a potential touchdown pass. He also saw action in the secondary vs. Oakland (9/14), at S.F. (9/21), Denver (9/28) with two tackles, S.F. (10/19), and Philly (12/14).

Pro Career

Juran has played in 22 out of a possible 32 games in his two years in Atlanta. In '96, his contributions came mainly on special teams as he ended up **fifth on the squad with 11 tackles**. He recorded a team-high three tackles on 'teams' at Dallas, which also included a stop on Herschel Walker for no gain on a kickoff, and nearly blocked a punt in the third quarter. Just as he started to log time in the secondary in nickel coverages, he injured his right elbow trying to block a punt against S.F. (12/2) and was placed on Injured Reserve (12/9). His pro experience includes a stint with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League in '95. The Falcons bought out his contract with the Blue Bombers so they could pick him in the 4th round of the '96 draft. Bolden was third in the league with a team-high six interceptions in nine games while finishing with 17 tackles and four passes defensed. Juran picked off a pass in his first CFL start and registered three tackles and a pass defensed versus Ottawa. In a Week 3 contest against Shreveport, he stole two passes (off former Falcons QB Billy Joe Tolliver), had a pass defensed and a tackle. His first theft came while covering ex-NFLer Odessa Turner. Juran played with a deep thigh bruise early in the year and then was bothered late in the year by a shoulder injury that was corrected after the season.

College Career

He earned All-America and All-Mississippi JUCO first-team accolades in '94 as well as **Defensive Player-of-the-Year** (in the region) by registering 69 tackles, 41 solo's, making six interceptions for 27 return yards and two TD's, and having four forced fumbles. He also was credited with 17 passes defensed and a pair of recovered fumbles. In 1993, he was afforded All-America and All-Mississippi first-team status again by notching 55 tackles, 35 solos, six interceptions for 129 return yards with another TD and a 6-yard sack. He was named the Mississippi Delta Defensive Player-of-the-Year. Bolden also displayed his knack for making big plays on special teams by **blocking four punts** in just two seasons. In a battle versus Northwest Mississippi, he rose to the occasion to steal a pass, deflect three others, and block a kick. His best performance of '93 came against Northwest Mississippi as he hauled in a pair of interceptions, including one he **returned 57 yards for a touchdown**, and had seven tackles. He picked off a pass in the end zone, knocked down another pass, totaled six tackles, and recovered a fumble against Nassau Community College.

Notebook/Personal

Juran jumped from the junior college level directly to the Canadian Football League as a 21 year-old rookie. So with the extra year of seasoning he begins his fourth overall season as a pro, third season in the NFL, at the age of 24. Bolden is a physical specimen for a DB at 6-2, 201 with long arms and legs who matches up well with the big receivers now in vogue in the NFL. Nicknamed, "Big Stick", for his ability to deliver a big hit, he earned the moniker for his play on special teams in '96, which included leveling players like Herschel Walker of the Cowboys. His speed is another skill that was developed through his days on the track. Juran **established two state junior college records** with a 100 meter time of 10.28 and a 200 meter clocking of 20.9. Bolden just missed by a single vote of being tabbed the J.C. Gridwire's National Defensive Player-of-the-Year in '94 at Mississippi Delta College. He **stole 12 passes** for 266 return yards (22.0 avg.) **with three touchdowns** in 20 games at the JUCO level. He also blocked three punts and a field goal on special teams. He competed in the junior college championship game his last season and playing on a bad turf toe still managed to pick off a pass in the end zone. In just 29 career games at both junior college and the CFL, he managed 18 interceptions. Bolden hails from the same Hillsborough High School in Tampa that produced future professional athletes such as the Dodgers outfielder Gary Sheffield and Cleveland Indians pitcher Dwight Gooden. He excelled as a safety and running back at Hillsborough High.

Bolden's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	INT's	Yds	TD	PD	FF	FR	Sp. Tms
1996	Atl	9/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
1997	Atl	14/1	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
Totals		**23/1**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**16**

Bolden's Best Games

Tackles	Solos	Passes Defensed	Special Teams
4 @ Sea (11-30-97) 2 vs. Den (9-28-97) 1 @ Ariz (12-21-97)	4 @ Sea (11-30-97) 2 vs. Den (9-28-97) 1 @ Ariz (12-21-97)	1 @ Sea (11-30-97)	3 @ Cin (11-24-96) 3 @ Dal (10-20-96) 2 @ Det (10-6-96)

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MICHAEL BOOKER

CORNERBACK • 6-2 • 203

2nd Season • Nebraska

Born 4-27-75 • Oceanside, CA

Acq: D4 '96 (127th)

Last Season

Michael's rookie year saw him steadily improve as the season progressed. He started three out of 15 games played and ended up with 22 tackles, three interceptions, six passes defensed, and four special teams tackles. He started for an injured Ronnie Bradford against St. Louis (11/2) and Tampa Bay (11/9) as well as lining up as a starter in the Falcons' nickel package vs. New Orleans (11/23). He recorded personal-bests in tackles with 6 vs. Carolina (9/7) and interceptions with two at New Orleans (10/12). The second theft (1:21 left) ended any Saints hope for a comeback in a close 23-17 victory. In his third start (nickel back), Booker stole another New Orleans pass as all three of his rookie interceptions came from the hands of Saint passers. In a win over the Eagles (12/14), he registered two solo tackles as a reserve cornerback and added another two stops on special teams in one of his best overall outings. The only game he missed on the year was at Seattle (11/30) due to a hamstring injury.

College Career

Booker was a two-year starter and three-year letter winner for the perennial powerhouse Nebraska Cornhuskers under Tom Osborne. With his athletic presence in the secondary,

Nebraska captured **two National Championships from '94-95** and compiled an incredible overall three-year record of 36-2. Michael put an exclamation point on the Cornhuskers' second straight National title by being named the **defensive Most Valuable Player** at the Fiesta Bowl with an interception for a touchdown, three other passes defensed (an NCAA Bowl game record) and four tackles in the 62-24 win over Florida and Danny Wuerffel. In his first ever collegiate start as a junior he earned Player of the Game honors versus Arizona State with his first career interception off QB Jake Plummer. His career in Lincoln spanned 32 games with 21 starts and he amassed 68 tackles, five thefts for 100 return yards with a score, and 17 passes defensed. Michael was a winner on three Bowl teams with victories coming in a pair of Orange Bowls and one Fiesta Bowl. In 1996, he was a first-team All-America and All-Big 12 choice by *The Poor Man's Guide to the NFL Draft*.

Class of '97 DB's – Most Interceptions

INT's	Yds	Player	Team	#Drafted
3	**16**	**Michael Booker**	**Atl**	**11th**
2	70	Darren Sharper	G.B.	60th
2	64	Bryant Westbrook	Det.	5th
2	-4	Chad Scott	Pitt	24th

Notebook

He competed with fellow NFC rookies in a flag football game against other AFC rookies dubbed "The Beach Bowl" at the Pro Bowl in Honolulu in February. Booker showed off his athleticism by catching a TD pass from Arizona's Jake Plummer for a late score in an eventual close NFC loss. Michael will get another chance to play against his former high school teammate and good friend Bryant Westbrook when the Falcons travel to Detroit in the preseason and regular season. (Westbrook was a late hold-out last year.) Both players were stellar two-way players for El Camino (Ca.) High (enrollment of 3,000). Booker and Westbrook could be a draft day trivia question namely; What two players played together in the same secondary in high school and went on to become #1 draft picks in the NFL? The talented pair guided El Camino to consecutive county titles in '91 (13-1) and '92 (12-2) en route to being ranked #1 in the state of California (in '91). As a tailback, he gained 113 rushing yards on just 19 carries with two touchdowns and caught a 12-yard scoring pass. The one time the two players met in college it was for the first-ever Big 12 conference championship in '96 and Westbrook's Texas team upset highly-favored Nebraska. Michael received some form of revenge when the Falcons defeated the Chargers last year at Qualcomm Stadium because Booker was on the losing end of the score in the CIF Championship played at that same stadium in '92. He's glad to have Texas Tech's Byron Hanspard as a teammate after trying to tackle the elusive runner for two seasons in college. Booker's **vertical leap of 39.5** was the **7th-best mark of any Nebraska player EVER**.

Personal

A multi-talented athlete, Michael was a star forward on El Camino's highly successful basketball team for three seasons. His team was good enough to carry around the **No. 1 ranking in the entire country** for much of the '92 campaign. (Westbrook was also a member of that impressive team.) The son of Fostoria and Michael Booker, Sr., a career Marine officer, from Oceanside, CA was **Southern California's Co-Defensive Player of the Year** and on the *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* "Best of the West" list. He recorded 77 tackles, three interceptions, two forced fumbles, and a blocked punt in his last season in high school to earn All-League, All-City, All-California Interscholastic Federation and second-team All-State honors. Booker was a highly sought after recruit out of high school by college powerhouses such as Colorado and Ohio State. His younger brother, Dion, will be lining up to play for Nebraska this fall.

Booker's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	INT's	Yds	TD	PD	FF	FR	Sp. Tms
1997	Atl	15/3	22	19	3	16	0	6	0	0	5
Totals		**15/3**	**22**	**19**	**3**	**16**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**5**

Booker's Best Games

Tackles	Solos	Passes Defensed	Interceptions
6 vs. Car (9-7-97) 2 (7 times)	6 vs. Car (9-7-97)	1 (6 times)	2 @ N.O. (10-12-97) 1 vs. N.O. (11-23-97)

RONNIE BRADFORD

CORNERBACK • 5-10 • 188
6th Season • Colorado
Born 10-1-70 • Minot, ND
Acq: UFA – Arizona (4-11-97)

Last Season

Ronnie emerged as a dependable starter in a revamped secondary in his first season wearing a Falcons uniform. Bradford was in the starting lineup in 14 out of his 16 games played and totaled 51 tackles (41 solos), **second-highest of his career**. His four interceptions and 14 passes defensed were both second-best on the club's charts. His top tackle games came at Seattle (11/30) with a season-high 7 stops, at New Orleans (10/12) with 6 and vs. Denver (9/28) with 5 tackles. Against his former Bronco teammates, Ronnie was named the team's player of the game with those five stops, plus an interception off QB John Elway deep in Falcon territory. In the rematch with the 49ers (10/19), he had an interception of QB Steve Young, three tackles, and two passes defensed. Bradford's other thefts were from the hands of Scott Mitchell of the Lions (8/31) and Doug Nussmeier of the Saints (11/23). In a tough loss at Detroit, Ronnie also contributed a blocked punt to his efforts which led directly to a Falcon touchdown drive. For his play, Ronnie was named to the sixth annual **All-Joe team** by *USA Today* for being one of the best "unrecognized, overlooked" players at his position in the league.

Pro Career

Bradford has now **started 25 out of 28 games played over the last two seasons**. Before signing with the birds, he was an 11-game starter at right cornerback for Arizona in '96. That season he finished with a career-high 61 tackles, an interception and a team second-best 15 passes defensed in 15 games played. He broke into the Cardinals' starting lineup in high fashion at New England (9/15/96) by amassing a season-high 11 tackles. He went on to start the next seven consecutive games. Ronnie has upped his NFL games played number to 57 games with 30 starts through five seasons. He has totaled 153 tackles, 41 passes defensed, six thefts, three fumble recoveries, and one QB sack. A fourth round draft choice of Miami in '93, he found a place in Denver that same year and performed in 10 games. He logged time in 26 games in all for the Broncos in three seasons before moving on to Arizona in '96.

College Career

Ronnie was a two-year starter and four-year letterman for national powerhouse Colorado Buffaloes. This **first-team All-Big Eight** performer as a senior was instrumental in helping Colorado land its first National Championship in '91. His extra-point block was the margin of victory as Colorado edged Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl 10-9 to claim a National title. His productive career in Boulder included 53 solo tackles out of 74 total stops three picks, and two fumble recoveries.

Notebook

Bradford displayed his competitive nature to Coach Reeves and his new Falcon teammates by playing through a nagging injury that would have sidelined some other players longer. He played most of the season with a painful torn rib cartilage yet only performed in every game. His teammates witnessed the depth of his courage first hand when he dove on the Georgia Dome turf against S.F. to try to block a punt, sacrificing his painful ribs. *"Ronnie epitomizes what you look for in a football player,"* said secondary coach Ron Meeks. *"All he does is make things happen and does whatever it takes to win."* A consummate professional, he was a role model for the younger Falcons with his daily business-like approach to his job. *"When I come to work, I have an agenda,"* he said. *"I know every day, before I walk in here, exactly what I want to do."* Clearly, Bradford is a man with a plan. *"You can't say*

enough good things about Ronnie, and I wish we had some more just like him," noted Reeves. *"He's one of the most courageous players I've ever been around."* His four thefts last season are two more than he totaled in four previous NFL seasons. This introspective athlete who deflects attention can be caught flipping through the *Wall Street Journal* or the *Investors Business Daily* in the lockerroom. Before being drafted by the Dolphins in '93, he **studied for his financial adviser's license** on the heels of an internship with Prudential Securities.

Personal

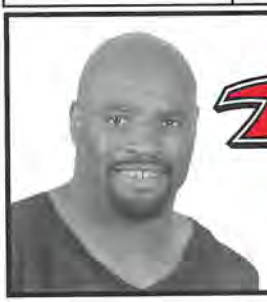
Ronald L. Bradford was born in Minot, North Dakota. He was an honorable mention All-America by *USA Today* as a senior at Adams City High School in Commerce City, CO. He picked off four passes, registered 14 passes defensed, recovered a pair of fumbles and also blocked a field goal in his last prep season. Bradford also found time to leap hurdles for the indoor and outdoor track team and graduated high school with a 3.0 GPA. Bradford **painted houses for the elderly during the summers** in the Mile High city as part of a Denver-based program. Ronnie played with some powerful Colorado teams which were loaded with future NFL players such as Chad Brown, Alfred Williams, Deon Figures, Greg Biekert, Mike Pritchard, Eric Bieniemy and Kanavis McGhee.

Bradford's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	INT's	Yds	TD	PD	FF	FR	Sacks
1993	Den	10/3	13	10	1	6	0	6	0	0	0.0
1994	Den	12/0	27	18	0	0	0	5	0	0	1.0
1995	Den	4/0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0
1996	Ariz	15/11	61	43	1	0	0	15	0	2	0.0
1997	Atl	16/14	51	41	4	9	0	14	0	0	1.0
Totals		**57/29**	**153**	**113**	**6**	**15**	**0**	**41**	**0**	**2**	**1.0**

Bradford's Best Games

Tackles	Interceptions	Passes Defensed	Sacks
11 @ N.E. (9-15-96) 8 @ N.Y. Giants (11-3-96) 7 @ Sea (11-30-97) 7 vs. N.Y. Jets (10-27-96) 7 @ Buff (9-26-94)	1 vs. N.O. (11-23-97) 1 vs. S.F. (10-19-97) 1 vs. Den (2-28-97) 1 @ Det (8-31-97) 1 @ N.O. (9-22-96) 1 vs. K.C. (12-12-93)	3 @ N.Y. Giants (11-3-96)	1 vs. N.O. (11-23-97)



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DAVID BRANDON

LINEBACKER • 6-4 • 238

12th Season • Memphis St.

Born 2-9-65 • Memphis, TN

Acq: UFA – S.D. (5-3-96)

Last Season

David started the first four games of the season at RLB before sustaining a broken left leg in the third quarter at San Francisco (9/21) to end his season. Brandon recorded five tackles, a sack, and a QB pressure vs. Carolina (9/7) in his best game of the year.

Pro Career

Brandon is a veteran of 77 games played with 66 starts in his 11 seasons in the NFL. He started out in San Diego in '87 and played in 30 games before heading to Cleveland as a Plan B free agent in '91. David **tied a Browns record** by running back an interception 92 yards

for a touchdown against the Bears in '92. He competed two seasons in Seattle before moving back to San Diego for the '95 season.

College Career

A three-year starter for the Tigers of Memphis State, Brandon served as a team captain as a senior. He led the team in tackles for losses with 14 and QB sacks with 10 his last year. He showcased his skills for NFL scouts at the Blue-Gray all-star game following his college career.

Notebook/Personal

One of David's outside interests off the football field is clothing and he is a **part owner of a clothing store**. He has been actively involved in Cystic Fibrosis through the years in the NFL. He made his **first ever interception** as a pro count as he **returned it 30 yards for a game-winning touchdown in overtime** against his ex-teammates in San Diego for the Browns in '91. Some of Brandon's other career highlights have also included scoring off a blocked punt as a rookie and collecting three QB sacks in a game vs. the Colts in '92. He and his wife, Zondra, have one son, Xzavian (8/7/90).

Brandon's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	Sacks	INT	Yds	TD	PD	FF	FR	SpTm
1987	S.D.	8/1	4	4	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	1	7
1988	S.D.	8/1	6	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1989	S.D.	14/0	9	8	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
1990	S.D.	Injured Reserve (Knee)										
1991	Clev	16/8	51	35	3.0	2	70	1	4	0	0	10
1992	Clev	16/13	48	31	1.0	2	123	1	6	4	3	2
1993	Clev/Sea	13/3	28	13	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
1994	Sea	13/0	13	7	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
1995	S.D.	16/1	6	5	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
1996	Atl	16/2	17	11	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	12
1997	Atl	4/4	8	7	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:		**124/33**	**190**	**127**	**7.0**	**4**	**194**	**2**	**12**	**4**	**6**	**53**

Brandon's Best Games

Tackles	Sacks	Interceptions	Yards
10 vs. Miami (9/14/92)	3 vs. Ind. (12/1/91)	1 at SD (10/20/91) 1 vs. Pittsburgh (10/27/91) 1 vs. Chicago (12/29/92) 1 vs. Denver (9/27/92)	92t vs. Chi (11-29-92) 40 vs. Pitt (10-27-91) 31 vs. Den (9-27-92) 30t @ S.D. (10-20-91)

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RAY BUCHANAN

CORNERBACK • 5-9 • 195
6th Season • Louisville
Born 9-29-71 • Chicago, IL
Acq: UFA – Indy (3-3-97)

Last Season

In his first season in Atlanta, Ray solidified the secondary and emerged as a team leader to help the Falcons defense drastically improve.

- Intercepted a team-high 5 passes (for 49 return yards), which was tied for the 6th highest total in NFC (10th NFL). Led the charge to improve team interceptions from 30th in '96 to 6th in entire NFL in '97.
- Team leader in passes defensed with 15, matching up with opponents' best receiver each game as pass defensed improved from 27th in '96 to 20th in '97.
- Hard driving corner finished with 65 tackles and 48 solo stops, tops at his position.
- Named player of the game by coaches at St.L (11/16) and at San Diego (12/7).
- Stole two passes at San Diego (12/7) with the second theft coming in the end zone to stop a drive in 4th quarter in a 14-3 victory.
- Held Pro Bowl receiver Irving Fryar of the Eagles to only 3 catches for 35 yards and Tim Brown of Raiders to 4 catches and no touchdowns.
- Stopped dangerous Isaac Bruce of Rams to 3 catches for 50 yards in rematch at St.L (11/16).
- Stingy cover skills allowed the front seven to set a team-record with 55 QB sacks.
- Recorded three passes defensed in a game THREE times (best on team) vs. Carolina (9/7), at St. Louis (11/16), and at Arizona (12/21)
- Registered four tackles or more in a game eight times and even returned a lateral off a kickoff 37-yards vs. 49ers (10/19).

Pro Career

"Big Play" Ray has been a dependable starter in 66 of 77 games played through five NFL seasons after breaking into the lineup at the end of his rookie season. His career is dotted with big plays and big seasons as he's more than lived up to his nickname.

√ Returned 3 interceptions for touchdowns to **establish a Colts record** with one covering 90 yards and totaled 8 overall thefts for 221 returns yards in '94, 3rd highest in NFL.

√ Set a **team record by picking off a pass in 7 consecutive games** during '94 season.

√ Grabbed all five picks in second half of season to aid with Falcons turnaround which produced 6 wins in final 8 games in '97.

√ Draws the toughest assignment of covering the oppositions best receivers and he's been equal to task, amassing 66 passes defensed, and 21 interceptions for 407 return yards.

√ Posted team-highs in passes defensed for past three consecutive seasons (15 in '97, 18 in '95, 19 in '94).

√ A dangerous return man, he **averaged a team-high** and eye-catching **16.8 yards** per punt

return (12 for 201 yds.) in '96. He went the distance vs. San Diego (11/3/96) 82 yards on a punt for a score, longest on the team and a personal-best. Established a **Colts Playoff record with 46 yard PR**.

Year-by-Year

1996: He was second among Colt defensive backs in total tackles with 71 and fourth overall on the team with 52 solo stops. His streak of 36 starts in-a-row was halted. In their '96 Playoff run to the AFC Championship game, he held Pro Bowl WR Tony Martin of the Chargers to just three catches for 39 yards after Martin hauled in 90 catches during the regular season.

1995: Ray logged all 16 games at LCB and finished sixth on the team and third among DB's in tackles with 105. His top tackle games were 10 vs Buffalo and SF. He posted 18 tackles in three Playoff starts.

1994: He started the first 10 games of the year at free safety before occupying the left cornerback spot for the final six contests. (He was moved to his present spot in the fourth quarter in a game at Miami). He led all DB's with a **career-high 137 tackles**. In six of the last seven games, he recorded at least one interception and his eight total tied Eugene Daniel ('85) for most by Colt since Lyle Blackwood had 10 in 1977. He was named AFC Defensive Player of the Week at Seattle with a 37-yard interception return TD, 11 tackles, one QB sack, and a fumble recovery. In his first season as a starter in '94, **two of his three TD's off thefts came from Dan Marino** (28 yards) and **Drew Bledsoe for 90 yards**.

1993: He made *Football News'* All-Rookie team by starting the final five contests at free safety and ending up with 65 tackles, second on the team's list of DB's, with a team-high four picks. Against Philadelphia, he collected 14 tackles, one pick, and one pass defensed in his top rookie game.

Honors

1993: All-Rookie Team, *Football News*; **1994:** AFC Defensive Player of the Week (12/4) at Seattle , *UPI* All-AFC Second team

College Career

A three-year starter for the Louisville Cardinals, he was moved from cornerback to free safety as a freshman. He totaled 273 tackles, 177 solos, 15 interceptions for 159 yards, 13 passes defensed, three fumble recoveries, three fumbles forced, six blocked kicks. He also averaged 9.1 yards on 18 punt returns. Ray closed out his strong collegiate career with 95 tackles, four thefts for 61 return yards, 10 passes defensed, three fumble recoveries, and two forced fumbles. As a junior, he amassed 108 tackles (68 solos), and a school record eight interceptions (for 89 yards). Buchanan was the **Fiesta Bowl Defensive MVP** versus Alabama with a fumble recovery for a touchdown off a blocked punt and another recovered fumble in a 34-7 victory. (He actually thought of transferring away from Louisville when they wanted him to play safety instead of running back.)

Notebook

The Falcons aggressively pursued the best cornerback on the free agent market in the spring of '97 and got their man. Ray was the Colts' designated "transition" player and was signed to an offer sheet on February 25. Indianapolis decided not to match the offer by the March 4 deadline so Buchanan switched teams. The Colts thought so highly of Ray out of college that they traded two draft picks to the Rams so they could move up and select him (65th overall). He became known as "Big Play" Ray by picking off a Dan Marino pass and running it back 28 yards for a score in his first game at cornerback after being moved to his new spot from free safety late in the third quarter. The following week in his first career start at left cornerback, he stole a potential game-winning pass from the hand of Cincinnati's Jeff Blake in the end zone with :45 remaining to secure a 17-13 victory and the nickname stuck. This smooth talking former communications major with the flashy personality is also meticulous about his appearance. He was named to **Mr. Blackwell's annual best dressed list**, joining such sports stars as Michael Jordan, Evander Holyfield, Tiger Woods and Pat Riley. A giving athlete, he has continued to be as community-minded in Atlanta as he was in Indianapolis. Through the auspices of his **Ray Buchanan Foundation** and "Big Play Ray of Hope" he traded his cleats for ice skates to host a Christmas ice skating party

for 30 underprivileged children in Atlanta last year. Besides spending time with the kids, he also gave each one a personalized Christmas present. He donated $200 for each interception last season to raise money for children's charities. His "Big Play For Kidzz" program provided an Easter egg hunt for underprivileged kids in Indianapolis last year. With his amiable demeanor and winning smile, he is quickly becoming of the most popular Falcons on the roster. Ray showed off his diverse talents by cutting a rap song that was sold at stores as a "NFL Jams" CD and featured on MTV two years ago. Not bashful, he and NFL player Scott Galbreath performed the song live at the Super Bowl festivities in New Orleans. In the '98 off-season, he **recorded his first album called, "Favor"**, in Dallas consisting of inspirational songs from soft ballads to jazz to rap songs with friend Ashley Ambrose of the Bengals, among others. He's also **cutting a single with the group, Xscape,** with hopes that it will be released before the season.

Personal

Raymond Louis was a four year letterwinner in football as a safety and running back at Proviso East High School in his birthplace of Chicago, IL. He was recruited by Louisville as a wide receiver/running back before being moved to cornerback as a sophomore and then to safety for his final two years. He returned to play cornerback in the East-West, Blue-Gray, and Hula Bowl all-star games but was still drafted by the Colts with the intention of playing him at safety. The Ray Buchanan Football Camp benefits the Wish Foundation and Boys & Girls Club but is not all about football because they have a strong stay in school and away from drugs message. He also volunteers his time for other NFL camps which also stress similar messages such as Marshall Faulk's and Rod Woodson's. Ray followed his brother, Richard, who was the first Buchanan to play in college (wide receiver at Northwestern (from 1987-90.) He and his wife, Sheree, have three children a daughter, Destinee (3/11/92), a son, Ray, Jr. (12/8/93) and newborn son, Baylen (6/19/98).

Buchanan's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	INT's	Yds	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	Sacks
1993	Ind	16/5	65	4	45	28	0	9	0	0	0.0
1994	Ind	16/16	137	8	221	90t	3	19	0	1	1.0
1995	Ind	16/16	105	2	60	60	0	18	0	1	1.0
1996	Ind	13/13	71	2	32	32	0	5	1	0	0.5
1997	Atl	16/16	65	5	49	31	0	15	1	0	0.0
Totals		**77/66**	**443**	**21**	**407**	**90t**	**3**	**66**	**2**	**2**	**2.5**

	Punt Returns				Kickoff Returns				
Year	No.	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds	Avg.	LGTD
1993	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0 0
1994	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0 0
1995	16	113	7.1	17	0	1	22	22.0	220
1996	12	201	16.8	82	0	1	20	21.0	200
1997	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0 0
Totals	**28**	**314**	**11.2**	**82**	**0**	**2**	**42**	**21.0**	**220**

Buchanan's Best Games

Interceptions	INT Yards	Long INT's	TD's
2 @ S.D. (12-7-97) 2 @ N.E. (12-11-94) 1 (17 times)	113 @ N.E. (12-11-94) 60 @ N.O. (11-12-95) 37 @ Sea (12-4-94)	90t @ N.E. (12-11-94) 60 @ N.O. (11-12-95) 37t @ Sea (12-4-94)	1 @ N.E. (12-11-94) 1 @ Sea (12-4-94) 1 @ Mia (11-6-94)

Tackles	Punt Returns	Passes Defensed	Sacks
16 @ Pitt (9-18-94) 14 vs. Phil (12-19-93) 12 vs. Buff (12-24-94) 11 @ Sea (12-4-94)	5 for 141 vs. S.D. (11-3-96) 5 for 40 @ Mia (11-10-96) 4 for 38 @ N.E. (12-23-95)	3 @ Ariz (12-21-97) 3 @ StL (11-16-97) 3 @ Car (9-7-97) 3 @ Car (12-3-95)	1 @ N.E. (11-19-95) 1 @ Sea (12-4-94) .5 @ Jets (9-8-96)

JOHN BURROUGH
DEF. TACKLE • 6-5 • 275
4th Season • Wyoming
Born 5-17-72 • Pinedale, WY
Acq: D7 '95 (245th)

Last Season

John was a steady contributor along the Falcons' deep front line in '97 as a reserve in all 16 games. Burrough eclipsed by one tackle his personal-best by posting 30 tackles and **recorded the first QB sack of his career**. In the season opener at Detroit (8/31), he registered his first ever QB sack (of Scott Mitchell) and also chipped in with three tackles. **Against Denver** (9/28), John **tied his career-high with seven tackles**, second-best on team. His other top games came against St. Louis (11/2) where he collared two stops, a pair of QB pressures and a special teams tackle, and at San Diego (12/7) with four tackles. He was in the starting lineup vs. Philadelphia (12/14) for the opening series when Chuck Smith was attending to an eye problem on the sideline.

Pro Career

Burrough **has played in every game in his three seasons in Atlanta** which currently stands at **48 consecutive games** heading into '98. As a rookie in '95, John chipped in with 11 tackles and three QB pressures on defense and two special teams stops. He played in 16 games again (with one start) in '96 and finished with a then career-best 29 tackles. It was his jolting tackle on Panthers returner Winslow Oliver which caused a fumble that the Falcons recovered in a 20-17 victory.

College Career

Burrough played his last three years at Wyoming after transferring from Washington State, finishing his career with 129 tackles (73 solo), 24 tackles for losses, 12.0 sacks, eight passes defensed, five fumble recoveries, and three forced fumbles. A second team All-Western Athletic Conference selection, John finished the '94 season as Wyoming's third leading tackler with 52 stops (33 solo). The **defensive captain** was third in the WAC with 11 tackles for loss, while garnering 3 QB sacks, 5 passes defensed, 2 forced fumbles, and 4 fumble recoveries (2nd in WAC). Burrough also blocked one field goal and scored a touchdown off a blocked punt. John had one of his best games of the season vs. Nebraska with 10 tackles, including two for losses, in a 42-32 loss to the national champions. In '93, Burrough moved to right tackle after playing end as a sophomore and responded with an excellent season. He finished with 42 tackles, 7 tackles for losses, and 7 QB sacks in 11 starts. Wyoming went 8-3 in the regular season.

Notebook

John was in the trenches of another sport this past off-season when he was **part of the pit crew for race car driver Kyle Petty** at the Atlanta Motor Speedway during the Primestar 500 on March 9th. He also was in the pits for Petty at Daytona, the Food City 500 in Bristol, TN, and at the Diehard 500 at Talladega. *"I want people to think of a guy who is out there not for the politics, the glory, or the fame, but for the pure love of playing football."* That statement sums up John Burrough's personal approach to playing football. It's that inherent love for the game coupled with a healthy dose of hard work that has allowed him to survive for three seasons in the NFL. The 245th player selected in the last round of the '95 draft, Burrough has quietly built up a consistent streak of playing in the last 48 games as a part of the Falcons' defensive line rotation. He made the most of his opportunity to prove himself as a rookie in the preseason. In a game against Miami, Burrough amassed three tackles, a pass deflection, and a sack of QB Bernie Kosar. Then, versus Buffalo, he collared another sack, four solo tackles, and a forced fumble to confirm he belonged. He has possessed a

penchant for working hard since he was a walk-on at Washington State in '90. When Cougars offensive coordinator Joe Tiller left to assume the head coaching duties at Wyoming, Burrough wasn't far behind. Besides his football exploits, John is a proud diploma-waving **graduate of the geophysics program** (spring of '96) at Wyoming. He has aspirations of going to graduate school or being a part of the oil industry for an environmental firm when his football days are over.

Personal

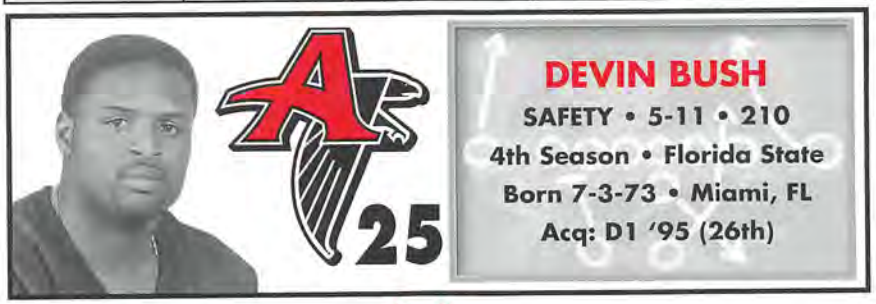
One of two children of Les and Barbara Burrough, his grandfather, Morris Burrough, played football at Colorado State. As a youth on the farmlands of Wyoming, some of his daily chores would be to tend to the horses and work the cows. John **excelled at five positions** (defensive end, linebacker, kicker, fullback, & tight end) at Pinedale (Wyoming) High School. He was **voted team MVP** and was named on the All-Conference team. But football wasn't the other sport that he was good at because he also was skilled in basketball, track and skiing. Because of his upbringing, John's an outdoorsman, who enjoys hunting, fishing and sailing.

Burrough's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Sacks	QB Press	FF	FR	Sp. Tm
1995	Atl	16/0	11	3	0.0	3	0	0	3
1996	Atl	16/1	29	11	0.0	2	0	1	3
1997	Atl	16/1	30	12	1.0	3	0	0	2
Totals:		48/2	70	26	1.0	8	0	1	8

Burrough's Best Games

Tackles	Sacks	Pressures	FR's	Sp. Tm Tck
7 vs. Den (9-28-97) 7 vs. S.F. (12-2-96) 4 (4 times)	1 @ Det (8-31-97)	2 vs. StL (11-2-97) 2 @ Ariz (11-26-95) 1 (4 times)	1 vs. Car (11-3-96)	1 (eight times)



Last Year

Devin was switched back to his rookie position, going from strong safety to free safety, in a rebuilt secondary in '97. Bush responded to the move with a **career-best 105 tackles**, including a **personal-high of 68 solo stops**, in starting every contest. He also added a personal-best of 10 passes defensed to his totals which also read one interception, and one fumble recovery. He **tied his career high for tackles by collaring 12 at Seattle** (11/30) in a win with a pair of passes defensed. He posted the second highest tackle total of his career with a team-high 11 stops in a victory over the Eagles (12/14). Devin was named defensive player of the game by the coaches with eight tackles and a key interception that stopped New Orleans' (11/23) last shot to get into the end zone to keep the Falcons' winning streak alive. His other top tackle games included 9 stops with a season-high three passes defensed at San Diego (12/7), eight tackles each vs. St. Louis (11/2) and at New Orleans (10/12), as well as amassing seven apiece at St. Louis (11/16), vs. Tampa Bay (11/9), and vs. S.F. (10/19).

Pro Career

His career began at free safety, albeit late in his first season because of a 19-day contract holdout, plus a pulled hamstring, and a hairline fracture of his left fibula. He fought through those setbacks to make five starts out of 11 games played at that position to earn All-Rookie honors with 38 tackles, an interception, and three special teams stops. His **career-high 15 tackle** (13 solos) performance against his hometown Dolphins (12/3/95) **came in his first NFL start.** In his first year as a starter at a new strong safety position in '96, he registered the **most tackles in the Falcons secondary with 68.** With 16 more games played added to his totals, Bush **enters '98 with a streak of 40 consecutive games played in.**

College Career

During his three seasons at FSU, Bush helped lead the Seminoles to a 33-3-1 (.917) record, including a **National title in '93** with a win over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. FSU finished the season ranked #2 in 1992 and #4 in '94. Bush entered the draft after his junior season, although he was at Florida State four years, where he redshirted his first season. He played in 37 games at FSU, starting the last 24 games, compiling 164 tackles (90 solo), three INT's, including one returned for a TD, 2.5 sacks, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble. In his final season in '94, Devin started all 12 games at strong safety, earning All-America and All-Atlantic Coast Conference second team honors. He totaled a career-high 75 tackles (40 solo), two interceptions, five passes defensed, one sack, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. His season highlights included 13 tackles vs. Miami, picking off a pass in a 23-16 win over Notre Dame, and making 8 stops in a 23-17 win over Florida in the Sugar Bowl. Twenty-year old Devin moved into FSU's starting lineup, taking over for a pair of seniors, in his first year as a starter during his '93 sophomore year. Bush took full advantage of the opportunity, finishing with 68 tackles (39 solo), while returning one big interception for a TD against Miami.

Notebook

After coming out of college as a junior, Devin can add to his 43 games played total as a pro (40 in-a-row) at the age of only 25 (on July 3rd). Bush joins Bobby Butler (class of '81) and Deion Sanders (class of '89) as the third Florida State Seminole defensive back and #1 draft pick to come to the Falcons. He along with former FSU players have a T-shirt business with their best-selling brand which carries the slogan, '3 And Out' (referring to a goal of the defense). An all-around athlete, he **once set an Seminole record with a 41-inch vertical leap** and won a 110 meter hurdle even at a District meet in high school. This 'B' average student in high school is only 30 hours shy of receiving his degree in Social Sciences. His wife, Kesha, is a nursing major at FSU.

Personal

Bush was afforded third team All-America honors as well as being named to *Super Prep Magazine's* All-Dixie team and to *Miami Herald's* Super 24 Squad as a senior season at Miami's Hialeah Lakes H. S. After recording 85 tackles and six picks his final season he was invited to play in the Florida-Georgia All-Star Game. Devin has two younger brothers and the oldest, Davin, plays football at Hialeah High. He was tabbed the nation's "fourth-best free safety" coming out of the highly competitive high school system of Florida. As a 10th grader, Bush used to **spend time working (for $40) as an usher at Miami Dolphin games** at the old Orange Bowl. When he's not found with his two children in Atlanta, Devin visits his mother (Patricia) and father (Sammy) who still reside in Miami.

Bush's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Int	Yds	LG	FF	FR	PD	SpTm
1995	Atl	11/5	38	31	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
1996	Atl	16/15	68	51	1	2	2	1	1	2	4
1997	Atl	16/16	105	62	1	4	4	0	1	10	3
Totals:		**43/36**	**211**	**144**	**3**	**6**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**13**	**10**

Bush's Best Games

Tackles	Interceptions	Passes Defensed	Special Teams Tackles
15 @ Mia (12-3-95) 12 @ Sea (11-30-97) 11 vs. Phil (12-14-97) 10 vs.Pitt (10-27-96)	1 vs. N.O. (11-23-97) 1 vs. Rams (12-8-96) 1 @ Car (12-17-95)	3 @ S.D. (12-7-97) 2 @ Sea (11-30-97) 1 (8 times)	2 vs. Det (11-5-95)

CHRIS CHANDLER

QUARTERBACK • 6-4 • 225
11th Season • Washington
Born 10-12-65 • Everett, WA
Acq: Trade – Hous. (2-24-97)

Last Season

One of the key factors in the Falcons turnaround which produced a 6-2 second half record (three road wins) was the play of Chris Chandler. His strong second half play included 12 passing TD's and just three picks. In 6 of 8 games during the winning streak, he completed 65% of his passes, while producing QB ratings of 116, 111, 107.7, 107, 106, and 105.8. Chandler's presence in the lineup produced impressive results in his 10th season.

- #2 in NFL in QB rating with a career-high of 95.1 to earn first appearance in Pro Bowl.
- #2 in NFL in average gain per pass completion at 7.87 yards.
- #2 in NFL in touchdown percentage at 5.8.
- #1 in NFL in Red Zone efficiency with 13 TD passes and zero interceptions.
- #1 in NFL in QB rating Inside the 20 with a 121.1 mark (4th highest QB rating ever in a season by a Falcon quarterback).
- #1 in NFL in completion percentage Inside the 20 at 68.4%.
- #8 in NFL in passing touchdowns with 20, a personal-best, ahead of the likes of Young, Aikman, Brunell, Marino, Mitchell, Frerotte.
- #8 in NFL in completion percentage at 59.1%. (4th best of his career)
- #9 in NFL in lowest interception percentage at 2.04. (3rd best of his career)
- #12 in NFL in big play passes (of 25 yards or more) with 23 and he had at least one 30-yard pass in 11 of 14 games.
- #4 in NFL in passes completed in 4th quarter (42 of 64 for 65.6%).
- Threw a touchdown pass in 12 consecutive games (streak continues in '98), 4th best all-time in team history. Needs TD in first 2 games of '98 to tie record, 3 to break.
- Found 10 different receivers with TD passes (tied for #1 in NFL) to show he could locate whoever was open.
- Only threw three interceptions in final 10 games, 4 in last 13 games, to finish with the 4th lowest interception percentage in team annals (at 2.04).
- Completed over 60% of his passes in 8 of 14 games and passed 200 yards or more 8 times.

Chris' season began with a series of injuries "after the play" but when he was in the lineup the Falcons posted a 7-3 record and scored an average of 22 points a game when he started. He suffered a mild concussion when spin-slammed to the Ga. Dome turf by Mike Fox (penalized for late hit) in the second quarter in the second game against Carolina (9/7). The following week after starting the Oakland game (9/14) he had to leave in the third quarter (16-25-199-2 TD's) when rookie linemen Darrell Russell drilled his helmet into Chandler's sternum in the third quarter (which he was penalized and drew a major fine from the NFL). He did not play at San Francisco (9/21), but dressed as the third quarterback. Against the Broncos (9/28), Chris injured his left ankle (high ankle sprain) on a collapsing pocket after he released the pass which forced him from the game at the beginning of the fourth quarter (did not return). With a bye week aiding the healing process, Chandler led the Falcons to their first victory the next game at New Orleans (10/12). After throwing for 230 yards and two TD's vs. S.F. (10/19) in three quarters, he was felled with another concussion in the fourth stanza (and did not return). That latest injury resulted in him missing the rematch at Carolina (10/26). But he started and finished the remaining eight games of the year to land a spot in the Pro Bowl. In '97 Chris missed two starts and parts of four other games as the Falcons lost all six.

NFL QB Ratings of 1997	
Steve Young	104.7
Chris Chandler	**95.1**
Brett Favre	92.6
Mark Brunell	91.2
Jeff George	91.2
Drew Bledsoe	87.7
John Elway	87.5

Top "Red Zone" Passers of 1997	
Chris Chandler	**121.1**
Boomer Esiason	120.8
Brad Johnson	109.0
Brett Favre	108.2
Jake Plummer	106.6
Drew Bledsoe	104.4
Steve Young	104.3

Pro Career

The Falcons were lauded by one publication for making "the trade of the year" in acquiring an experienced starting quarterback the caliber of Chandler from the Oilers for just 4th and 6th round selections. He has been a consistent starter in five of his 10 NFL seasons now with 15,372 total passing yards and he played in his first Pro Bowl in '97. After 84 career starts in 104 games played, he stands **among the top 35 rated passers in all-time NFL history**.

√ Accurate thrower has completed 60.2% of his passes (719 of 1,194) over the last four seasons with a **2-to-1 touchdown to interception ratio** with 60 passing TD's to just 30 interceptions. In only four games in the last two seasons he has failed to complete at least 55% of his passes in a single game.

√ His 60.5% career completion percentage established a new Oiler career record (Ken Stabler) and he tossed 33 TD's with only 21 picks as two-year starter with the Oilers.

√ **NFL leader in 3rd down passing in '96 and '95** with a combined QB rating of 103.9, and finished 6th in '97 with a productive 86.6 mark.

√ Consistent QB rating the last four seasons (95.1, 79.7, 87.8, 93.8) is among the tops in NFL.

√ Chris stands **12th in League in starts made the last three seasons** with 39 (see chart).

√ Chandler is **10th in NFL**(tied with Young) **in touchdown passes thrown the last three seasons** with 53, ahead of Aikman, Brunell, Collins, Dilfer, Harbaugh, Frerotte (see chart).

√ Tough in the clutch, he has engineered 8 4th quarter rallies (3 in '97) when given the opportunity to bring his team from behind late in the game.

√ Totaled **49 games where he HASN'T thrown an interception**, 25 games with 2 or more touchdown passes, and 8 career games with over 70% completion rate.

√ One of his best games of career came at Cincinnati in '95 when he completed 23 of 26 passes for 352 yards and 4 TD's with the **highest possible QB rating of 158.3**. The **88.46% completion percentage is one of best in NFL history** (91.3 % by Testaverde, 21-23).

Most TD Passes Last 3 Seasons	Most Starts Last 3 Seasons
112 .... Brett Favre	48 ..... Brett Favre
79 ..... John Elway	Trent Dilfer
68 ..... Drew Bledsoe	47 ..... Troy Aikman
Scott Mitchell	Drew Bledsoe
Vinny Testaverde	John Elway
65 ..... Warren Moon	45 ..... Scott Mitchell
60 ..... Jeff Blake	43 ..... Dan Marino
57 ..... Dan Marino	43 ..... Jeff Blake
56 ..... Jeff George	41 ..... Vinny Testaverde
53 ..... Chris Chandler	40 ..... Gus Frerotte
Steve Young	**39 ..... Chris Chandler**
52 ..... Mark Brunell	38 ..... Steve Young
47 ..... Troy Aikman	Kerry Collins
	Dave Brown

Year-by-Year

1996: He started 12 games in Houston and completed 184 of 320 passes for 2,099 yards with 16 TD's and 11 picks. A clutch performer, **10 of his 16 TD passes came on 3rd down**. He tossed three TD's against the Jaguars, Saints, and two each vs. the Ravens, Bengals, and Dolphins. He only failed to complete at least 55% of his passes in one game.

1995: In 13 games as a starter for the Oilers, he enjoyed personal-bests in TD's with 17 and completion percentage at 63.2. His 352 yards passing vs. Cin. was first 300-yard passing game by an Oiler since Warren Moon in '93. His QB rating of 87.8 was 3rd highest in AFC behind Marino & Harbaugh and he had a **streak of 125 straight passes without an interception.**

1994: His first season with the Rams included six starts and 12 overall appearances. He ended up with the best QB rating of his career to date with a high 93.8 mark. (The 93.8 was second only to Steve Young but his 176 passes didn't qualify for rankings.) He collected a **149.1 passer rating versus the Raiders** by completing 10 of 11 passes for 171 yards and a TD before leaving game with a sprained ankle.

1993: Chris played in four games with two starts in a back-up role to the Cardinals' Steve Beuerlein. Hit 27-46 for 214 vs. Dallas.

1992: He started the year by completing **84 passes in-a-row**. He established career-bests in completions, attempts, passing yards, and yards rushing in 13 starts in Arizona. Had 383-yard game vs. Dallas and 8 games over 200 yards.

All-Time Falcons QB Rating, Season	Most Consecutive Games, TD Pass
110.2 ..... Wade Wilson, 1992	14 ..... Chris Miller, 1991-92
106.7 ..... Bob Berry, 1969	14 ..... Steve Bartkowski, 1980-81
97.6 ..... Steve Bartkowski, 1983	13 ..... Chris Miller, 1989-90
95.1 ..... Chris Chandler, 1997	**12 ..... Chris Chandler, 1997-current**
92.8 ..... Steve Bartkowski, 1985	9 ..... Bobby Hebert, 1993
90.7 ..... Chris Miller, 1992	9 ..... Steve Bartkowksi, 1983

1991: He started the season in Tampa Bay before being released and his contract claimed off waivers by Arizona. He played in six games for the Bucs and three games for the Cardinals with two starts.

1990: He was acquired by Tampa Bay from Indy for a '92 first round pick but saw limited action. (The Colts selected Jeff George with the #1 overall pick.)

1989: He was playing a game against the Falcons on Sept. 24 when he suffered a season-ending knee injury. One week earlier he had completed 20 of 33 passes for 266 yards with a personal-best 82 yard TD versus the Rams.

1988: He unseated Jack Trudeau in his first season and earned All-Rookie honors with 1,619 yards.

College Career

At the University of Washington, he **started 26 consecutive games** and finished **third in school history in total offense with 4,442 yards and TD passes with 32.** He led his team to the Independence Bowl his final season with 1,739 yards through the air and 11 TD's. As a junior, he **set a school record with 20 TD's** and **tied a NCAA record with four second quarter TD passes** in a game against Stanford in leading the Cougars to an 8-3-1 record and a berth in Sun Bowl. He showed his leadership qualities early in college as he guided the Huskies of Don James to a 20-17 victory in the Freedom Bowl in only his fourth collegiate start as a sophomore. He capped off a consistent college career which included 10 200-yard passing days by being honored as the Offensive Player of the Game at the Senior Bowl.

Notebook

Chris is a "scratch" golfer who was invited to play in the annual Isuzu Celebrity Golf Classic at Lake Tahoe (spring of '97) and tied ex-Falcon QB Steve Bartkowski for 7th place (with a three-round total of 216), three shots off the lead. His passion for golf is satisfied by the courses at his off-season home in Palm Springs, Ca. and Atlanta. At the Neil Lomax Quarterback Shoot-Out he won a long drive contest by outdistancing the opposition with a powerful 331-yard shot. When Chandler stepped under center for the first time in Atlanta last year, he **set an NFL record by starting for his sixth different NFL team** (since the '70 merger). He grew up a huge University of Washington fan and was excited to play in the Kingdome last year for the very first time against one of his all-time favorites, Warren Moon. As a twelve-year old, Chandler fondly still remembers watching Moon engineer an upset of Michigan in the '78 Rose Bowl, 27-20. His **father-in-law is former 17-year veteran 49ers QB John Brodie**. Chris owns a condo next to Brodie and the pair are quite a formidable two-some on the links. (His career QB rating of 77.99 is better than Brodie's 723.) Chandler was the **youngest starting quarterback in the NFL in '88.** During his rookie campaign, he earned a starting assignment with the Colts after four games and led them to a 9-4 record the rest of the way as the starter. The nine victories were the most by a Colt QB since Bert Jones (10 wins) in '77. He was traded to Tampa Bay by Indy (who acquired the first pick in the draft from the Falcons to select Jeff George) in exchange for the Bucs' first round pick in the '92 draft (where they selected DL Steve Emtman with the #1 overall choice).

Personal

The **ninth of ten children** born from a large Chandler family out of Everett, Washington, Christopher Mark received his first name by being delivered on Columbus Day. If buying presents for his immediate family wasn't enough, Chris has 17 nieces and nephews. He was an all-around athlete at Everett High School in football (49 passing TD's and 2,000 passing yards), basketball (averaging 21.5 points per game to lead conference) and baseball (batting .425 as a catcher). He also found time to garner letters in golf and track (a 6-4 high jumper). This *Parade* football All-America wasn't the first pro athlete in the family as **his brother, Greg, was behind the plate for the San Francisco Giants organization in '78.** He and his wife, Diane, a top-notch tennis player at Southern Cal, have two daughters, Ryann Mae (3/9/95), and Skye (born in '96). His brother-in-law, Larry Stfanki, is the former tennis coach of John McEnroe and the current coach of Marcelo Rios of Chile who was the #1 player in the world earlier this year.

Chandler's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yds	Long	TD	Int.	Rate
1988	Ind	15/13	233	129	55.4	1,619	54	8	12	67.2
1989	Ind	3/3	80	39	48.8	537	82t	2	3	63.4
1990	TB	7/3	83	42	50.6	464	68t	1	6	41.4
1991	TB/Pho	9/5	154	78	50.6	846	45t	5	10	50.9
1992	Phoe	15/13	413	245	59.3	2,832	72t	15	15	77.1
1993	Phoe	4/2	103	52	50.5	471	27t	3	2	64.8
1994	Rams	12/6	176	108	61.4	1,352	72t	7	2	93.8
1995	Hou	13/13	356	225	63.2	2,460	76t	17	10	87.8
1996	Hou	12/12	320	184	57.5	2,099	63t	16	11	79.7
1997	Atl	14/14	342	202	57.7	2,692	56	20	7	95.1
NFL Totals:		**104/84**	**2,260**	**1,304**	**57.7**	**15,372**	**82t**	**94**	**78**	**77.99**

Chandler's Best Games

Attempts
47 vs. Jacks (10-1-95)
46 @ Dal (11-14-93)
43 vs. T.B. (12-27-92)
43 @ Dal (9-20-92)
42 @ Pitt (9-29-96)
38 vs. Pitt (10-20-96)
38 @ K.C. (11-19-95)
38 @ Chi (10-22-95)

Completions
28 @ Dal (9-20-92)
27 vs. Jacks (10-1-95)
27 @ Dal (11-14-93)
24 @ Pitt (9-29-96)
24 @ Chi (10-22-95)
23 vs. Pitt (10-20-96)
23 @ Cin (9-24-95)
23 vs. T.B. (12-27-92)

Gross Yards
383 @ Dal (9-20-92)
352 @ Cin (9-24-95)
296 @ Chi (10-22-95)
290 @ Det (8-31-97)
280 vs. Den (11-26-95)
276 vs. StL (11-2-97)
266 @ L.A. Rams (9-17-89)
261 @ Atl (11-15-92)
258 vs. Pitt (10-20-96)
251 vs. S.D. (12-6-92)
246 vs. T.B. (10-16-88)

Completion Percentage
.909, 10-11 vs. Raid (11-13-94)
.885, 23-26 @ Cin (9-24-95)
.800, 16-20 @ Cle (11-5-95)
.769, 10-13 vs. Den (10-31-88)
.760, 19-25 @ Den (11-6-94)
.704, 19-27 vs. T.B. (11-9-97)
.700, 21-30 @ Rams (11-15-92)

Touchdowns
4 @ Cin (9-24-95)
3 vs. StL (11-2-97)
3 @ N.O. (11-10-96)
3 @ Jacks (9-8-96)
3 vs. Den (11-26-95)
3 vs. S.F. (11-1-92)
2 (19 times)
1 (36 times)

Net Yards
371 @ Dal (9-20-92)
350 @ Cin (9-24-95)
281 @ Chi (10-22-95)
280 vs. Den (11-26-95)
268 @ Det (8-31-97)
266 @ L.A. Rams (9-17-89)
265 vs. StL (11-2-97)
246 vs. T.B. (10-16-88)
239 @ Atl (11-15-92)
237 vs. Pitt (10-20-96)
233 vs. T.B. (12-27-92)

Long
82t @ L.A. Rams (9-17-89)
76t @ Pitt (12-3-95)
72t @ N.Y. Giants (10-11-92)
72t @ K.C. (9-25-94)

Most Interceptions
4 @ S.D. (10-28-90)
3 (5 times)

Fewest Interceptions
0 (49 times)

Most Times Sacked
7 @ S.F. (11-18-90)
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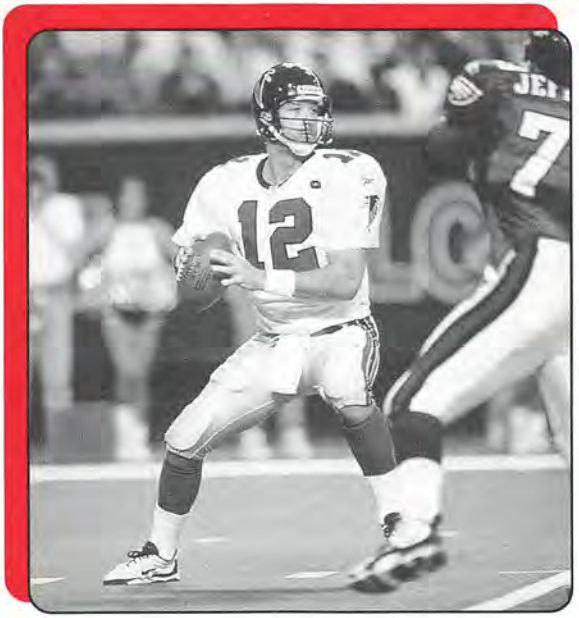
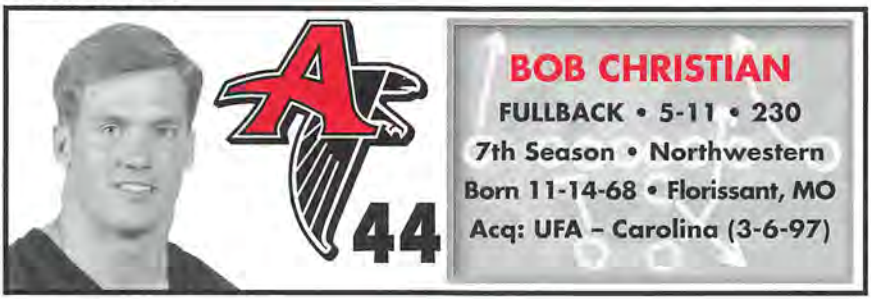




Last Season

Bob was an invaluable all-around player for the Falcons in '97. Whether it was opening up holes for Jamal Anderson's 1,052 rushing yards and 10 TD's as a blocking fullback, catching passes or running down kicks for the special teams coverage units, Christian was equal to any task that was asked of him by the Falcon coaches. A testament to his value on offense was witnessed when he was **twice named offensive player of the game by the coaches because of his BLOCKING efforts** (at S.F., 9/21 and at N.O., 10/12). His determination on the birds' kick coverage teams was quite evident as he finished **second on the team in special teams tackles with 11** and garnered two special teams player of the game nods. Of course, he was ready when called upon to carry the ball or to catch it out of the backfield (22 receptions for 154 yards with one TD). As a receiver, he hauled in a season-high 3 passes on four different occasions and totaled 32 yards to help the Falcons defeat the Seahawks (11/30). Half of Christians receptions (11) and yards (82) were recorded in the team's second half turnaround. Solid contributions were also seen in his blocking exploits for Anderson's 162 yards vs. St. Louis (11/2), tied for 7th-best ever in team history, and 152 yards at Arizona (12/21). Byron Hanspard was the beneficiary of Christian's tough blocks on his record-breaking 77 yard run and 57 & 53-yarders.

Pro Career

Christian rebounded to have a solid year for the Falcons after being sidelined for all of the '96 campaign in Carolina because of a torn right pectoral suffered in a preseason game with the Giants (8/23/96). Bob is now a veteran of 58 games with 27 starts in five seasons with three different teams. He **scored the first-ever touchdown in Panther history** with a 16 yard pass reception in the Hall of Fame game (7/29/95) and was **on the receiving end of the first pass in team history** vs. Atlanta (9/3/95). With 12 starts that year he set personal-bests with 158 rushing yards and 29 catches for 255 yards. After being a 12th round draft choice of the Falcons in '91, he was released in training camp. He was drafted in the 16th round by the London Monarchs (175th overall) of the new World League (2/4/92) but released (on 2/25). Bob was invited to the Chargers '92 camp before being waived on the final cut but was signed to the Bears practice squad. He was activated for the last two games of the season and he amassed three special teams stops. He worked his way onto the roster in '93, becoming a key special teamer. Christian finished fourth on the Bears with his nine tackles and his five stops inside the 20 paced the club. He played in the first 12 games in the Bears backfield in '94 before missing the rest of the season with a sprained right MCL.

College Career

Bob left Northwestern as the **school record holder in rushing yards** with 2,643 (since broken). He collected the **most all-purpose yards in a game in school annals** with 319 (220 rushing, 99 receiving) against Wisconsin. The 220 rushing yards on 42 carries were the third-best day of any Wildcat back ever. He was also a two-time Big 10 Offensive Player of the Week as a senior. His junior year included a **single season school record of 1,291 yards** with seven 100-yard games. He rushed for 413 yards as a sophomore playing in every contest. His freshman season was cut short due to a broken jaw suffered in his fifth collegiate game.

Notebook

One of the busiest Falcons on gameday, Bob's body takes a physical pounding each Sunday. After knocking down linebackers and knocking back defensive linemen as a blocking fullback on offense for three plays, Bob would then have to fight off blocks to get downfield to cover punts on fourth down for special teams. Of course, he also would line up every time to cover kickoffs and block on some of the kickoff return teams. *"Satisfaction for me comes from a lot of little things that might not show up in the statistics but that the coaches and my teammates know are critical to our success,"* Bob explained. Two player of the game honors by the coaches each on offense and special teams was an indication of the respect he receives for his daily work. *"Everybody needs to play consistent week-in and week-out like Bob Christian does and we'll be a winning team,"* noted Dan Reeves. Bob's journey in the NFL has been a study in perseverance. After being released by the Falcons and then the Chargers in '92, Bob enrolled back into Northwestern to complete his degree in electrical engineering. Once his studies were underway, the Colts came calling and wanted to add him to their practice squad. Bob respectfully declined the invitation because he would have to withdraw from school and start all over again. *"I wanted to graduate and I was really close,"* he rationalized. He didn't pass up his next opportunity the following year with the Bears and he ended up landing on their regular roster at the end of that season. But he wasn't protected by Chicago three years later and his name was placed on the expansion list and he was eventually drafted by the Panthers (his fourth team in four years). Christian loves music and has been a **serious piano player for over 20 years** and is the **proud owner of a hammer dulcimer and trumpet**. A quiet, unassuming person, Bob definitely looked out of character when he was in his first NFL training camp with the Falcons. Veteran John Rade shaved the rookies heads one night and Bob sported an uncharacteristic mohawk for weeks.

Personal

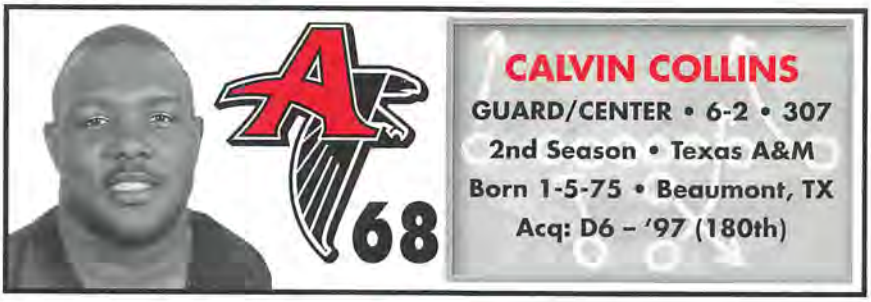
A football, baseball and track standout at McCluer North High School in Florissant, MO (outside of St. Louis), Robert Douglas is the oldest in a family of three children of Jim and Kay Christian. His parents visit Atlanta from their suburban St. Louis home to watch their son play and lead a big contingent of Falcons fans in the TWA Dome each season. Bob is the leader of the Falcons' weekly bible study classes and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes as well as Athletes in Action. Bob and some Athletes in Action (including former Falcon Darnell Walker) **took a 14-hour plane ride to reach South Africa on a mission trip** during the spring of '98 which included football camps.

Christian's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rush	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
1992	Chi	2/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1993	Chi	14/1	8	19	2.4	12	0	16	160	10.0	36	0
1994	Chi	12/0	7	29	4.1	8	0	2	30	15.0	21	0
1995	Car	14/12	41	158	3.9	17	0	29	255	8.8	23	1
1996	Car	Injured Reserve										
1997	Atl	16/12	7	8	1.1	2	0	22	154	7.0	19	1
Totals:		**58/25**	**63**	**214**	**3.4**	**17**	**0**	**69**	**599**	**8.7**	**36**	**2**

Christian's Best Games

Rushes	Yards	Receptions	Rec. Yards
6 vs. Ind (12-3-95)	39 at N.O. (11-26-95)	4 vs. St. Louis (9-17-95)	53 vs. Atl (9-3-95)
6 @ N.O. (11-26-95)	24 vs. Ind (12-3-95)	4 vs. Atl (9-3-95)	43 @ N.O. (11-26-95)
5 vs. T.B. (10-1-95)	20 @ T.B. (11-6-94)	4 vs. Den (12-18-93)	40 vs. Den (12-18-93)
4 (3 times)	19 vs. T.B. (10-1-95)	3 (9 times)	40 @ S.D. (11-14-93)



CALVIN COLLINS

GUARD/CENTER • 6-2 • 307
2nd Season • Texas A&M
Born 1-5-75 • Beaumont, TX
Acq: D6 – '97 (180th)

Last Season

Calvin's rookie season saw him earn the team's starting center spot four games into the season and go on to earn **All-Rookie honors**. He started his first NFL game at San Francisco (9/21) and went on to line up in the last 13 consecutive games. With his presence as a starter, the birds were able to finish 6th in the NFL in time of possession and churned out 21 drives of 10 or more plays with 18 drives of 70 or more yards. His blocking efforts allowed the Falcons to improve their rushing game from 27th in '96 to 20th last year and the club finished 13th in the NFL in scoring TD's in the "Red Zone". His signal-caller, Chris Chandler, made the Pro Bowl with the second-best QB rating in the League and a 59.1% accuracy mark while the teams's 26 passing TD's were the 5th best. Collins helped paved the way for Jamal Anderson's 1,052 rushing yards with 162 (7th-best ever) and 152 (14th-most) yard individual games. His solid blocks enabled rookie Byron Hanspard to record two of the longest runs in team history with 57-yards vs. Denver (9/28) and 53-yards vs. Philadelphia (12/14). In almost half of the games he started (6 of 13) the Falcons' offense racked up over 300 yards worth of total offense, including a season-high 462 vs. St. Louis (11/2), 386 vs. Philly (12/14), and 356 at Arizona (12/21). In the final back-to-back games of the season with Collins' help Atlanta racked up 400 total rushing yards. Calvin **helped hold NFL sack leader at the time Wayne Martin of the Saints without a sack** at New Orleans (10/12) in one of his best performances of the year.

College Career

Calvin was a huge presence on the offensive line for four seasons for the Aggies of Texas A&M. This talented four-year starter was either a first or second-team all-conference member EVERY season. Collins was a **second-team All-Big 12 choice in '96** as he opened holes for an Aggie rushing attack that averaged 230 yards per game with high of 257 vs. BYU. He contributed **78 knockdown blocks** to opponents **his final season**. In '95, Calvin was a first-team All-SWC selection as a right guard for displaying his pass blocking skills as a junior by helping Texas A&M average 201 passing yards a contest, highest in a decade by an Aggie team. He recorded six knockdowns as the team piled up 276 rushing yards in a 33-17 win over LSU. With Collins protecting the line, **the unit allowed only nine QB sacks all season**. As a sophomore, he started five games at center and five at guard in earning a spot on the All-SWC first-team blocking for #1 pick Leeland McElroy and an offense that scored 319 points, while averaging 360.2 yards of total offense per game. His impressive freshman season landed him on the **All-SWC first-team as a right guard** as he was part of an O-line that helped Texas A&M score 404 points (36.7 per contest) with 27 rushing TD's and an average rush per game of 234.3 yards. He **registered a season-high 10 knockdowns** vs. TCU when his team gained 493 total yards.

Notebook

Calvin received praise from other players around the League last year for looking like "a keeper" (said Chargers defensive lineman John Parrella) on film. Collins battled through the usual transition period for a rookie player with an unusual maturity beyond his years and progressed each week. Trying to block the likes of Defensive Player of the Year Dana Stubblefield (twice), Pro Bowler Warren Sapp, Martin, and D'Marco Farr can be a daunting task for a rookie, but he more than held his own in these individual wars. *"It's like taking a major exam every week"*, he explained. *"Going up against competition that I've faced can be nerve-racking."* This smart and articulate native of Beaumont, Texas was a business

analysis major at A&M and **once had a home page on the Internet and aspires to someday design web sites for a living**. He was so close to deciding to turn pro after his junior year that he was actually in his dorm room rehearsing his speech to head coach R.C. Slocum while good friend and teammate Leeland McElroy was telling Slocum he was turning pro. Needless to say, Collins changed his mind and relented that it was one of the best decisions he ever made. Falcons management listened to a draft day recommendation from Collins' Senior Bowl offensive line coach and selected the lineman after positive remarks from Hall of Famer Art Shell. Even a mature player as a freshman in college, Calvin was the **only underclassman to start on Texas A&M's senior-dominated offensive line**.

Personal

Calvin Lewis is the son of Donald and Linda Aplon of Beaumont. He was callled "the third best offensive lineman in the state of Texas and the 13th-best prospect in the Southwest". His productive high school career included mention in *Super Prep* magazine and *Blue Chip Illustrated* as an All-America for his play at West Brook High. Collins was a stalwart at guard, center, and as a long snapper. Calvin was named the **Student-Athlete of the Year** by the *Beaumont Enterprise* and a member of the **National Honor Society**. In college, he established a **school record for offensive linemen with a 555-pound squat** in addition to placing second on the squad with a 410-pound bench press.

Last Season

The Falcons acquired one of the best special teams players in the NFL and an emerging wide receiver when they signed Keith Crawford to a two-year contract on March 16. The **Rams' special teams captain totaled 14 tackles in 15 games** last year, second-best on the team. Crawford also started a pair of games at wide receiver, catching a career-best 11 passes for 232 yards, and **leading the NFL with a 21.1 per catch average**. Ten of his 11 catches were good for first downs last year. He hauled in a team-high three passes for 86 yards, including a career-long of 69-yards from Tony Banks, at San Francisco. Keith recorded a career-high four receptions for 85 yards vs. Kansas City (10/26) with a long of 45 before leaving with a knee injury. Crawford's best games of the year on special teams were vs. S.F. (9/7) and the N.Y. Giants (9/21) as he amassed three tackles on each occasion. Busy Keith also rushed the ball two times for 32 yards last year with a long of 23 on a reverse play.

1997 NFL Leaders - Average Per Catch
(10 or more catches)

1. Keith Crawford, StL	**21.1**	**11-232**
2. Leslie Shepherd, Wash	19.4	29-562
3. James McKnight, Sea	18.7	34-637
4. James Hudson, Cin	17.8	16-285
5. Yancey Thigpen, Pitt	17.7	79-1398

Pro Career

Crawford has established his name among the top special teammers in the League over the **past three seasons by collaring 45 tackles** on the heels of a team-leading 15 in '96. During the last three years he has finished no lower than second on the his team in special teams stops. He's also lined up on both sides of the ball as a wide receiver and cornerback during his five year pro career. Keith broke into the League as an undrafted free agent of Dan Reeves' New York Giants in '93. After playing in seven games as a rookie he caught on with the Packers midway through the '94 season after being released by the Giants. In '95, he was **moved to defensive back in Green Bay** and collected 24 tackles and 16 special teams stops,

second-best on club. The Rams switched Crawford back to his college position after Week 6 at Carolina (10/13) and he appeared in all 16 games. In a game **against Atlanta (11/10) in '95, he registered a career-high four special teams tackles**, including three on dangerous Eric Metcalf inside the Falcons' 20-yard line. His early pro experience has included **playing in the NFC Championship game** as a reserve defensive back for the Packers against the Cowboys in '95.

College Career

Keith **holds 10 school receiving records** for Howard Payne in Brownwood, Texas of the TIAA conference. Some of his records included career receptions with 202, receiving yardage with 3,827 and touchdowns with 42. He hauled in 66 catches for 1,489 yards and 19 TD's as a senior.

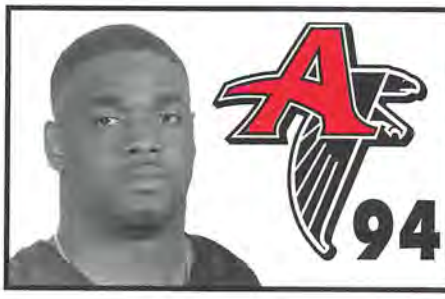
Notebook/Personal

Crawford displayed his athleticism for the Yellow Jackets of Howard Payne College in track by **qualifying for the NCAA nationals in the long jump**. Falcons special teams coach Joe DeCamillis is happy he doesn't have to game plan against stopping the aggressive Crawford anymore as an opponent and can concentrate instead on letting him wreck havoc for his own units. *"Keith Crawford is the most SPECIAL special teams player I've ever been around,"* said veteran coach Dick Vermeil. With his huge smile and friendly disposition, Keith should be popular in the Falcons locker room and in the community. Born on November 21, 1970, Keith L. is the **youngest of seven children** in a single-parent home. He captured **nine letters in football, basketball, baseball, and track** at Westwood High School in Palestine, TX. With a leap of over 22 feet, he **won the Texas state long jump title in '89** for the Panthers' track team. But this skinny 5-10, 160 pounder wide receiver/safety wasn't highly recruited because of his size. Former Westwood High coach Bill Anderson was running the program at NCAA Division III Howard Payne college and gave Crawford a shot. Because the school does not provide athletic scholarships, Keith was forced to put himself through school and some of his jobs included mowing lawns for a friends' lawn service and **working in the laundry room washing the team's uniforms** after practice.

Crawford's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	KOR	Yds.	Avg	LG	TD	SpTm
1993	NYG	7/0	1	6	6.0	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
1994	G.B.	0/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
1995	G.B.	13/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	16
1996	StL	16/1	0	0	0.0	0	0	4	47	11.8	19	0	15
1997	StL	15/2	11	232	21.1	69	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	14
Totals		**51/3**	**12**	**238**	**19.8**	**69**	**0**	**4**	**47**	**11.8**	**19**	**0**	**45**

Also had 24 tackles from scrimmage as a CB for Packers in 1995



HENRI CROCKETT

LINEBACKER • 6-2 • 251
2nd Season • Florida State
Born 10-28-74 •
Pompano Beach, FL
Acq: D4 – '97 (100th)

Last Season

After beginning the season as a reserve linebacker and special teams player, Henri (pronounced ON-Ree) gained a starting spot when David Brandon broke his leg at San Francisco (9/21) four games into the season. Crockett occupied the right outside linebacker position the rest of the season and responded with 46 tackles (28 solos), two QB sacks, 7 QB pressures, and a fumble recovery in 11 starts. He posted a season-high 8 tackles in the rematch with the 49ers (10/19) and collared 7 stops against the Rams (11/2). He grabbed

his first NFL sack of Kerry Collins at Carolina (10/26) and trapped Tony Banks of the Rams (11/2) the following week for a sack in back-to-back games. Henri's totals also included a team-high two special teams tackles against Oakland (9/14).

College Career

Henri emerged as a reliable starter in his senior season on a powerful Florida State team. Crockett collected 98 tackles to finish third on one of the nation's best defenses that featured two #1 top 15 picks in Peter Boulware and Reinard Wilson. He also added 12 tackles for loss, 4.5 quarterback sacks, and an interception for the 6th ranked Seminoles. He performed in 45 games during his four-year career and finished with 192 tackles, 20 for losses, 6.5 QB sacks, two picks, and a forced and recovered fumble.

Notebook

Henri made a name for himself and earned a spot on the roster with a strong performance in a preseason game against the Buccaneers. In that Tampa Bay game, he recorded a game-high seven tackles with four coming on solo stops, but it was his goal-line, fourth down hit of Reggie Brooks and subsequent forced fumble with :32 left which sealed the win for the birds and made an impression on the coaches. In his senior season, Crockett's 98 tackles at Florida State were actually **more than heralded future top #1 pick (4th overall) and NFL Defensive Rookie-of-the-Year Peter Boulware**. Henri only started his final season but he came up big in some of the Seminoles' most important games such as the showdown with #1 Florida (10 solo tackles, 3 for loss, in the FSU win) and the rematch in the Sugar Bowl (11 tackles). He committed to FSU, following in the footsteps of brother, Zack (Colts), after being recruited heavily by the likes of in-state rivals Miami, Florida and Oklahoma. Crockett teammed with Devin Bush in Tallahassee for two seasons and his name goes on the list of Florida State products to wear a Falcon uniform (Deion Sanders, Bobby Butler, Bush).

Personal

Crockett was afforded several honors as a highly-decorated prep player at Ely High School in Pompano Beach, Florida. A *Parade Magazine*, *Super Prep*, and *Football Report* All-America, he was also named to *USA Today's* second-team and dubbed the **South's top prospect** as a senior by *Southern Recruiting Magazine* with 165 tackles. In all, he **collected 392 tackles in a solid prep career** and played in the Georgia-Florida high school all-star game in Atlanta. Henri was a criminology major at FSU and is a big fisherman around the lakes in his hometown of Pompano Beach.

Crockett's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Sacks	Yds	INT's	Yds	TD	Press	PD	FF	FR
1987	Atl	16/10	46	2.0	8	0	0	0	7	1	0	1
Totals:		**16/10**	**46**	**2.0**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**1**	**0**	**1**

Crockett's Best Games

Tackles	Sacks	Fumble Recoveries	QB Pressures	PD's
8 vs. SF (10-19-97) 7 vs. StL (11-2-97) 5 vs. Phil (12-14-97)	1 vs. StL (11-2-97) 1 @ Car (10-26-97)	1 @ Car (10-26-97)	3 @ S.D. (12-7-97) 2 vs. Den (9-28-97)	1 @ SF (9-21-97)

NATHAN DAVIS

DEF. TACKLE • 6-5 • 312
2nd Season • Indiana
Born 2-6-74 • Richmond, IN
Acq: D2 – '97 (32nd)

Last Season

Nathan was on the Falcons' inactive list for the first 12 games of the season. Davis was activated and saw his first action of the year vs. New Orleans (11/23). The next week at Seattle (11/30), he registered a QB pressure. He was placed on the club's inactive list for the final three games of '97.

College Career

For the Indiana Hoosiers, he registered **37 tackles for losses** in his career, **3rd most in school history**. Nathan started 32 of 44 career games and finished with 133 tackles and 13 QB sacks. Big Nathan collected 28 tackles for loss and 10 sacks over his final two seasons at Indiana, while also adding 61 solo tackles to earn second-team All-Big 10 honors. His teammates named him their Most Valuable Lineman in '95. He was slowed last year with a pelvic injury that wasn't fully discovered until the season was over. In '96, Davis started every game except the Michigan State contest at left defensive end, recording 34 tackles with 23 solos, and 4 sacks for minus 25 yards. In his junior season, he amassed a career-high 60 tackles and he paced the team with six sacks (for minus 38 yards). His 20 stops for losses were also a personal-best and 13th best in the nation. There was only one player in the history of Indiana football to have more tackles for losses in a single season (Van Waiters with 24 in '86).

Notebook

At a huge 312 pounds, he's the **biggest Falcon defensive lineman ever**. He bulked up from 265 pounds to his present weight to fill out his 6-5 frame. A talented shot putter, Nathan **finished 10th at the Olympic Trials** for the right to compete in Atlanta for the USA in '96. The **All-America and All-Big 10 selection in track** captured conference titles in the shot put during the indoor (62' 8 3/4") and outdoor track seasons his last two years of college. He finished third indoor and fourth outdoors at the NCAA's and is the school record holder. Davis has athletic roots as **his cousin is perennial All-Star SS Barry Larkin of the Cincinnati Reds**. He carries a tattoo of a scorpion on his shoulder. His role model is his brother, Tim Jr., who was an all-state football player and state qualifier in the shot put at Richmond (IN) High. Nathan exceeded his older brother's accomplishments by **winning two state shot put titles** and was a national scholastic indoor champion.

Personal

Born in Hartford, CT., his parents divorced when he was young. He moved to Indianapolis with his mother before she decided to enlist in the Air Force and put him up for adoption. Nathan was adopted by Tim and Mary Davis of Richmond, Indiana at the age of four. He went searching for his natural parents during Christmas of '94. Nathan's natural birth father (Nathan Gibbs) is a truck driver living in Atlanta while his natural mother (Cheryl) remarried and relocated to Lima, Ohio. A reunion took place between the families during the weekend of the Indiana-Ohio State game in fall of '96. As a defensive end at Richmond High, he was named All-Conference, second-team All-State, and area **Defensive Player of the Year** with 108 tackles and 18 QB sacks as a senior. He also caught **13 passes for 220 yards with 2 TD's as the team's tight end**. Nathan heaved the shot put to win the state title during his junior season and a national indoor championship his final track season.

Davis' Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	Sacks	Press.	FF	FR	BB
1997	Atl	2/0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals:		**2/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GARY DOWNS

RUNNING BACK • 6-1 • 212
5th Season • N.C. State
Born 6-6-72 • Columbus, GA
Acq: FA – N.Y. Giants (3-17-97)

Last Season

Gary was a special teams leader last season for the Falcons. Downs **paced the #4 ranked special teams unit in the NFL** (according to *Dallas Morning News* ratings) **with 13 tackles**. His tight coverage allowed the birds to lead the NFL in punt coverage by limiting opponents to just 2.6 yards per return. He also played a major role in being part of a unit which led the NFL in fair catches forced with 45. His aggressive play had the Falcons second in kickoff coverage, allowing opponents to start their drives at only the 23-yard line. He was named special teams player of the game by coaches for his two-tackle performance at San Francisco (9/21). His jarring hit on Pro Bowl returner Michael Bates at Carolina (10/26) **knocked Bates' helmet off**.

Pro Career

Downs' pro career has now reached 37 games played in four seasons. This third round draft pick of the Giants in '94 performed in 14 games as a rookie. Gary finished with 51 yards on 15 carries and caught two passes for 15 yards besides excelling on special teams. After battling in '95 training camp against the likes of Herschel Walker, 1,000 yard rusher Rodney Hampton and #1 pick Tyrone Wheatley, he was released on the last cut. He was picked up by Denver and played in one game, while being inactive for 14 games. In '96, Gary replaced injured WR Amani Toomer on the Giants roster on October 31 and proceeded to perform in six games with one start for Dan Reeves. When injuries in the Giants backfield felled Hampton (knee) and Wheatley (ankle) during the Saints game(12/15) Downs responded with a career-high 42 yards on seven carries with a long of 27 yards in a New York win. The following week Gary beat that performance with a new personal-high of 52 yards, including 40 in the first half, as New York jumped out to a 22-0 lead against AFC Champion New England.

College Career

When his career at North Carolina State was over Gary would leave his name in the school record book as the 10th best rusher ever with 1,642 yards. He would also rank **third in rushing touchdowns with 23**. To close out his fine career, Downs gained 937 yards and scored nine TD's on 186 carries as a senior to be named **first-team All-ACC** and third-team All-America. He wrapped up his senior season with 102 yards on 13 rushes and four catches for 34 yards against Michigan in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Notebook/Personal

A former all-state product out of Georgia's Spencer High in Columbus, Gary amassed 683 yards on 100 rushes as a senior in a wishbone offense. Downs crossed the goaline for three TD's on offense and then stole a pass and scampered 95 yards for a score on defense. For his overall efforts, he was given Spencer's **"Golden Helmet Award" as team most valuable player**. Gary played in Atlanta's old Fulton County Stadium for N.C. State against East Carolina in the Peach Bowl where he rambled for 63 yards and a TD. He was an immediate hit in his very first collegiate game when he scored a pair of TD's. An accomplished member of Spencer's track team, he finished second in the 100-meter high hurdles at a Junior Olympics national track meet. He was a sprinter on the Wolfpack track team. The articulate and introspective athlete was a member of the **National Honor Society in high school** and was on the **Academic All-ACC honor roll** at N.C.State. During Gary's brief hiatus before returning to the Giants (in October of '96), he was coaching a junior high team in the Atlanta area and staying in shape at a local gym. He participates in **Sho Do Kahn karate** as well as being a **student of Metaphysics**. His father, Gary, Sr., played collegiately at North Carolina Central.

DOWNS/DRONETT

Downs' Career Statistics												
Year	Team	GP/GS	Rush	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
1994	NYG	14/0	15	51	3.4	8	0	2	15	7.5	10	0
1995	Den	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1996	NYG	6/1	29	94	3.2	27	0	3	20	6.7	13	0
1997	Atl	16/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals		37/1	44	145	3.3	27	0	5	35	7.0	13	0

Downs' Best Games			
Rushes	Yards	Receptions	Yards
22 vs. N.E. (12-21-96) 7 vs. N.O. (12-15/96) 7 @ Dal (11-7-94)	52 vs. N.E. (12-21-96) 42 vs. N.O. (12-15-96) 28 @ Dal (11-7-94)	2 vs. N.O. (12-15-96) 1 (3 times)	15 vs. N.O. (12-15-96) 10 vs. Minn (10-10-94) 5 (2 times)

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SHANE DRONETT

DEF. TACKLE • 6-6 • 288

7th Season • Texas

Born 1-12-71 • Orange, TX

Acq: FA – Detroit (8-27-97)

Last Season

Shane was a key addition to the Falcons' rotating defensive line when he was picked up off of waivers from the Lions before the season opener at Detroit. Dronett (pronounced DRO-nett) appeared in all 16 games with one start and was part of the line that helped the Falcons establish a new team record with 55 QB sacks. He added four sacks to the d-line's productive total of 43.5. In addition, Shane totaled 40 tackles (25 solos), 14 QB pressures, and two blocked field goals. He was singled out by the coaches as player of the game vs. New Orleans (11/23) for registering six tackles, 2 sacks, a pass defensed, and a blocked field goal. He also collared a season-high seven tackles (one for a loss) vs. Carolina (9/7) and five stops and a sack at St. Louis (11/16).

Pro Career

Dronett averaged 55 tackles and recorded 19.5 QB sacks in his first three seasons in the NFL from '92-94. As a rookie second round pick for Dan Reeves in Denver in '92, he ranked third on the team with 6.5 sacks to go along with 53 tackles and two forced fumbles. In '93, Shane worked himself into a starters' role and set a personal-best with seven sacks. The following season saw him establish a career-high with 63 tackles, which included dropping opposing QB's six times (second on team), including a **personal-best of three sacks of Raiders QB Jeff Hostetler**. A surgically repaired knee slowed him to 13 games and 13 tackles in his last season in Denver in '95. The Falcons signed Dronett in the '96 off-season and he made eight tackles in the first four games before being released. The Lions picked him up immediately and he finished the season in Detroit by making two tackles each vs. Green Bay and San Francisco. Shane's career numbers read 89 games played in six seasons with 227 tackles and 25.5 sacks.

College Career

A **first-team All-America** and two-time All-SWC pick for the Texas Longhorns, he registered 181 tackles, 22 sacks, 52 QB pressures, seven forced fumbles, two recovered fumbles, and seven blocked kicks in three years. Texas' left defensive end broke in as a starter as a freshman and he declared himself eligible for the NFL draft after his junior season after posting 72 tackles, 25 QB pressures, four forced fumbles, nine passes knocked down and four blocked kicks.

Notebook /Personal

Shane was **Golden Gloves boxing champion** during his high school days in Texas. He's relied on that boxer-type intensity to battle and survive through six seasons in the NFL's physical trenches. With his long arms and keen anticipation, Dronett has **blocked seven field goals in the NFL** (4 in '94) with two more last year. If you count his seven blocks in college, he has 14 total blocks which draws attention by every special teams coach each week. Teammate Morten Andersen is very familiar with Dronett's special knack for blocking kicks as he was the victim of two of his blocks in New Orleans in '94. He's also used those long arms to record 21 batted down passes in his career in the pro's. An all-state product in the highly competitive state of Texas as a tight end, Shane was rated the best prospect at that position in the state out of Bridge City H.S. The native of Orange, TX. **majored in landscape architecture** at Texas. He and his wife, Chris, have a pair of daughters, Berkley, 6, and Haley, 4.

Dronett's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solos	Sacks	INT	PD	FF	FR	BFG
1992	Den	16/2	53	30	6.5	0	5	1	2	0
1993	Den	16/15	49	32	7.0	2	5	1	0	0
1994	Den	16/15	63	39	6.0	0	5	1	0	4
1995	Den	13/2	8	5	2.0	0	1	0	0	1
1996	Atl/Det	12/0	14	8	0.0	0	0	2	0	0
1997	Atl	16/1	40	25	3.0	0	5	0	0	2
Totals:		**89/36**	**227**	**139**	**24.5**	**2**	**21**	**5**	**2**	**7**

Dronnet's Best Games

Tackles	Sacks	INT's	Blocked FG's
9 @ Raid (12-11-94) 7 vs. Car (9-7-97)	3 @ Raid (12-11-94) 2 (5 times, most recently vs. N.O., 11-23-97)	1 @ Chi (12-18-93) 1 vs. G.B. (10-10-93)	2 vs. N.O. (12-22-94) 1 (5 times, most recently vs. S.D., 12-7-97)

Last Season

The Falcons signed a versatile, experienced lineman who can play every position along the line in Matt Elliott. Matt displayed his flexibility by starting six games and performing in four different positions (RT, RG, LG, TE) for the Division rival Carolina Panthers while seeing action in all 16 contests. Elliott began the season as the Panthers' starting right guard vs. Washington (8/31) and at Atlanta (9/7). With his presence in the lineup, the team recorded 158 and 141 rushing yards, respectively, in those first two games. He registered his fifth start of the season at left guard vs. Kansas City (9/21). Matt also saw time at right guard after Greg Skrepenak was ejected. Elliott continued to contribute on special teams and in short yardage situations until tight ends Wesley Walls and Walter Rasby were lost with injuries at Dallas (12/8). He filled in at tight end during the Cowboys game. He received a start at right tackle vs. St. Louis (12/20) for the injured Norberto Davidds-Garrido.

Pro Career

Elliott has provided depth and versatility in 63 games with 34 starts for two teams through five seasons. The last player taken in the 12th round of the '92 draft by the Redskins, he started in two games including a Monday Nighter. In '93, Matt was forced to spend the entire season on Injured Reserve after tearing his left MCL in a scrimmage. He was released by Washington in training camp the following season and caught on with the expansion Panthers in '95. He **started 14 games at right guard in their inaugural season** and was part of a Panther line that **did not surrender a sack in four games**. The next season in '96 he was in the starting lineup for the final 12 games at left guard in Carolina's run to the playoffs. With his steady work in the trenches, Carolina finished 7th in offense and allowed sacks to Kerry Collins just three times in the last four games and only 11 times in the final 10 games. He was also responsible for RB Anthony Johnson's six 100-yard rushing games in last 14 weeks.

College

Matt was a **three-year starter at center and guard** for the powerful Michigan Wolverines. He earned **first-team All-American** accolades from *College & Pro Football Weekly* as well as first-team All-Big 10 honors for his senior season. His play during his junior season saw him be named an honorable mention All-Big 10 choice and he capped the year off by **winning co-MVP honors at the Gator Bowl**. He bulldozed holes for RB Jon Vaughn's 288 rushing yards vs. UCLA in '90, third-most ever by a Wolverine back.

Notebook/Personal

Matt was a conscientious role model during his days as a Panther. He started **Fat Guy Charities** ("because one of my rules is you can't take yourself too seriously") and a **"Run for Daylight"program** which has **raised tens of thousands of dollars** for Carolina's children's charities. He started the charities because of his relationship with Jason Kostelnik. Elliott met Jason in '92 at a children's fund-raising telethon (Children's Miracle Network) while playing for the Redskins. He lost his 14 year-old friend after a heart transplant failed (born with a degenerative heart) in July of '97. His Fat Guy Charities was started because of Jason's inspiration and has **raised over $250,000** and he even has his **own web page** (www.fatguy.com). Matt captured the **Paul A. Hunsicker Memorial Award at Michigan** for the undergraduate "demonstrating superior scholarship along with professional zeal and promise in kinesiology". He was a two-way starter for a 14-0 state champion Carmel (IN) High School team as a senior. He was also an **all-state selection on the track in '86** and he served as co-captain for the school's football, hockey and track teams his final prep season. His father played college basketball at Indiana, while his older brother, Mike, Jr., played pro soccer in Europe and younger brother, Marc, played center at Michigan. His sister, Megan, also showed off her athleticism as a champion ice skater. Elliott's already been **accepted into the Masters program in telecommunications** at his alma mater. One of his favorite bands is Hootie and the Blowfish and he struck up a friendship with the band members and often times plays golf with them. Before being signed by the Panthers in '95 he was preparing to serve as a color commentator on Friday night high school football games in Loudoun County, Va. In '94, he was a sideline reporter for 'Skins games and was an ABC Sports production assistant for the Indy 500. Matt was called **"Lego Lineman"** by his Panther teammates for his ability to step in and play all the positions along the line. Eric Matthew was **named after** one of his father's heroes, **"Eric the Red"**.

Elliott's Career Games Played/Started
Career Totals: 63/34 **Regular Season:** 1992 (Washington 16/2), 1993 (Wash 0/0 - injured reserve), 1994 (0/0), 1995 (Carolina 15/14), 1996 (Carolina 16/12), 1997 (Carolina 16/6)

RANDY FULLER

CORNERBACK • 5-10 • 175
5th Season • Tennessee State
Born 6-2-70 • Griffin, GA
Acq: UFA – Pitt (3-19-98)

Last Season

Randy Fuller adds another winning veteran presence in the Falcons secondary. He started three games at left cornerback and played in 12 total games for the AFC Central Division Champion Pittsburgh Steelers in '97. Randy amassed 30 tackles, 28 solo stops, while collecting a forced fumble and QB sack to his totals. An excellent special teammer, Fuller **collared 13 tackles on the Steelers' special units**. He was second on the team in tackles in a start at Jacksonville (9/22) with 11. In another start the following week at Tennessee (9/28), he chipped in with his first career sack, four tackles and a forced fumble which led to a Jason Gildon touchdown return. His best effort on special teams came at Philadelphia when he had three tackles. Fuller played on defense and special teams vs. Denver in the **AFC Championship game**.

Pro Career

Randy's veteran NFL dossier now reads 49 games played with five starts in four seasons. In addition, he's competed in seven post-season games, including Super Bowl XXX. He spent the last three seasons in Pittsburgh after beginning his pro career in Denver as a fourth round draft choice in '94. One of his most memorable plays came in the **'95 AFC Championship game** when he **batted down a "Hail Mary" pass by Colts QB Jim Harbaugh** in the Steelers' end zone intended for Aaron Bailey that earned Pittsburgh a trip to Super Bowl XXX. As a rookie with the Broncos, Fuller played in 10 games and ended up with 22 tackles. He tied a season-high by posting four tackles along with a pass defensed against Atlanta (11/20) as an extra DB. When he was released in Sept. of '95, the Steelers quickly signed him. He played in 13 games that season and tied for fifth on the team in special teams tackles with 12. He also performed in every playoff game for the Steelers and came up with four tackles and a special teams stop. In '96, he suffered fractured ribs and a broken clavicle which forced him on the inactive list for the first two games. He returned to play in a career-high 14 games in the team's dime package and also added **19 special teams tackles**, 6th-best on the squad. He's made an impact on 'teams' by **totaling 59 special teams tackles** during his career.

College Career

A four-year starter for the Tigers of Tennessee State, he registered 318 tackles with 223 solo stops, 12 interceptions for 194 return yards, 31 passes defensed, and three forced fumbles. He was named a second-team All-America and first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection by the *NFL Draft Report* as a senior with 65 tackles and seven pass deflections. Randy showcased his talents for NFL scouts at the Blue-Gray Game and Senior Bowl.

Notebook/Personal

Randy brings a winning attitude to the Falcons after spending the last three seasons on the successful Steeler teams. He played in a Super Bowl and seven total post-season games so he knows what kind of commitment and overall teamwork it takes to get to the top. Randy Lamar is a Georgia product who was **born in Griffin** and excelled at Spencer High in Columbus. He garnered 10 letters with three each coming in football and basketball and four more via his work on the track team. Fuller **picked off 15 passes** with 187 tackles in a busy senior season which included earning All-Big City honors and being **named the school's "Athlete of the Year"**. His exploits on the track were highlighted by a **Georgia state record with a long jump of 24' 6"**. Fuller earned his degree in criminal justice from Tennessee State and likes to fish and play golf in his spare time. He and his wife, Gussie, live in Pittsburgh in the off-season.

FULLER/GRAZIANI

Fuller's Career Statistics											
Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	INT's	Yds	TD	PD	FF	FR	Sacks	SpT
1994	Den	10/1	22	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.0	15
1995	Pitt	13/0	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0	12
1996	Pitt	14/1	9	1	0	0	3	0	0	0.0	19
1997	Pitt	12/3	30	0	0	0	7	1	0	1.0	13
Totals		**49/5**	**69**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**14**	**1**	**0**	**1.0**	**59**

Fuller's Best Games			
Tackles	Interceptions	Special Teams Tackles	Sacks
11 @ Jax (9-22-97) 7 vs. Jax (11-17-96) 4 vs. Atl (11-20-94) 4 vs. Cin (11-27-94)	1 @ K.C. (10-8-96)	3 vs. Hou (9-29-96) 3 @ K.C. (10-8-96) 3 vs. Cin (10-13-96) 3 @ Jax (10-8-95)	1 @ Tenn (9-28-97)

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TONY GRAZIANI

QUARTERBACK • 6-2 • 195

2nd Season • Oregon

Born 12-23-73 • Modesto, CA

Acq: UFA D7 – '97 (204th)

Last Season

Tony's initial season in the pro's was spent mainly on the sideline learning and watching Chris Chandler earn a Pro Bowl berth. Graziani was inactive six of the first seven weeks of the season as the club's third quarterback. He entered the 49ers game (9/21) in his first action as a pro in the fourth quarter and completed three of five passes for 17 yards with a scramble for a yard. He received a start in the pouring rain when Chandler was injured in a nationally-televised game on the road at Carolina (10/26). Tony completed just four of 18 passes for 24 yards and two picks in one half of work. He remained the Falcons' second-string quarterback the rest of the season and only entered one game (vs. New Orleans, 11/23) but did not attempt another pass.

College Career

An athletic, mobile quarterback, Tony Graziani finished his career at Oregon as the **fifth-most prolific passer** with 4,498 yards. The southpaw tossed 24 passing touchdowns and scrambled for 335 more yards on the ground with five rushing scores. Graziani started 19 of 28 games for the Ducks and completed 54% of his passes. His best season came in '95 as he completed 231-of-426 passes for 2,604 yards with 13 TD's. He was also a threat to run, gaining 236 yards on scrambles with four rushing TD's to end up with 2,840 all-purpose yards, 3rd most in team history. Tony started every game except the Illinois contest and enjoyed his finest college season in '95 in **leading the Ducks to the Cotton Bowl**. The '95 season also saw him **lead Oregon to an upset over UCLA** as he threw for two scores and scrambled for another in a big 38-31 win. He tossed for a personal-best 340 yards on 27 of 55 tries vs. Arizona State and added 322 yards on 23 of 49 attempts with a pair of scores in a 27-20 defeat of Utah. In the upset over UCLA, he hit on 76% of his passes on 19 of 25 for 255 yards with two TD's and a 19-yard rush for a score. His overall performance left him 8th in the nation in total offense. His college career included passing games of 340, 322, 316, 292, 287, 282, 276, and 255 yards. Tony was limited to six games in '96 due to a knee injury. He was recruited to Oregon by Rich Brooks.

Notebook

Tony received an unexpected thrill when he had a chance to play against a team he grew

up cheering for. A childhood 49er fan, he played almost half the fourth quarter in a 34-7 loss at 3Com Park the fourth week of the season. Graziani used to attend 'Niner games and actually was in the stands two months before his pro training camp taking in a Giants baseball game. He became the third Falcon signal-caller and the **first rookie since '93** to start for the Falcons after only eight weeks of action when he lined up under center at Carolina. Falcon coaches are hoping Tony's elevation to second-string status over the second half of the season helped his game as he was afforded more experience by getting additional reps in practice each day. His presence gives the birds a totally different type of quarterback than Chandler. He's a mobile, left-hander who matured at the college level by guiding the lesser-known Oregon team over higher-profile programs such as UCLA in '95 and Southern Cal in '94. It was **Oregon's first win at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum against USC in 23 years** as he helped lead the offensive assault that ended with 478 total yards. This political science major at Oregon racked up numbers that were **second only to Dan Fouts and former Falcon QB's Chris Miller & Bob Berry.**

Personal

Anthony Robert was born in Las Vegas and has one brother and two sisters in the family of Michael and Debbie Branham. A phenomenal passer at Downey High in Modesto, Ca., Tony **set every school record**, throwing for 3,956 yards with 35 TD's. He helped capture a share of the Central California Conference crown (with a 7-3 record) by completing 129 of 221 attempts for 1,869 yards and 19 scores as a senior. The **team captain** garnered all-league and all-district accolades during his last prep season. In a big showdown with cross-town rival Modesto High., he **tossed five TD's**. As a junior he established a record with 2,087 yards passing and 141 completions with an accuracy rate of 56%.

Graziani's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yds	Long	TD	Int.	Rate
1997	Atl	3/1	23	7	30.4	41	13	0	2	3.7
NFL Totals:		**3/1**	**23**	**7**	**30.4**	**41**	**13**	**0**	**2**	**3.7**

Last Season

Harold proved to be an important contributor to a pair of last second Falcon victories last year. In the final minute vs. St. Louis (11/2), Green caught a pass for 19 yards, then **ran a draw for 22 tough yards to set-up Morten Andersen's 27-yard game-winner** with :02 left. In the final minute vs. Philadelphia (12/14), Harold **took a screen pass for 47-yards to set-up another game-winner from Andersen from 33-yards away** at :05. He was named player of the game for his efforts against the Eagles. On the year, he caught 29 passes for 360 yards and gained 78 more yards on 38 carries in appearing in every contest. Harold grabbed season-highs in catches and yards with five for 55 at Detroit (8/31) and also snatched a team-high four receptions for 54 yards vs. Tampa Bay (11/9). His adept pass blocking also made him an all-purpose player for the birds. He was re-signed to a new two-year deal on Feb. 28.

Pro Career

Green is a savvy **veteran of 118 games with 81 starts** through seven seasons for three NFL teams. He was the St. Louis **Rams' second leading rusher for Head Coach Rich Brooks** before coming to Atlanta with 523 yards and a team-best 4.1 rushing average in '96. Harold

scored a personal-best four rushing TD's to tie for the team lead and was third on the team with 37 receptions (second-highest ever) for 246 yards and one score. He managed his ninth career 100-yard game with 106 yards on 13 carries versus the Falcons with two TD's to earn a game ball. He also produced eight of the team's 15 first downs, including five third down conversions and scored the game-winner against New Orleans. Green was a second round draft pick (38th overall) of Cincinnati in '90. He performed six years for the Bengals and totaled 3,727 rushing yards, eight TD's, plus 1,004 receiving yards. Included in his rushing totals in Cincy were a **Pro Bowl nod in '92** with 1,170 rushing yards and a **career-high 190 yard game**.

College Career

He finished **second all-time** behind former Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers on South Carolina's all-time charts with 3,005 yards. Green tied Rogers for most career rushing touchdowns with 33. An honorable mention All-America at South Carolina as a senior, he gained 989 yards his final season in '89. Harold established a **school record with 16 rushing TD's** as a junior. His 102 points scored was tied for the eighth-best mark in the nation. In his other college seasons he picked up 565 yards as a junior, 950 as a sophomore and 388 during his freshman campaign.

Notebook/Personal

Harold is a military brat who had addresses in Panama, Japan and the United States (born in Sacramento, CA) as a child. Harold, Sr. is a retired Master Sergeant from the U.S. Air Force. Green returned home to the South last year and his family had a chance to see him play with more frequency then ever before. He was an All-America, All-South, all-state, two-time All-Conference and All-Low Country choice at Stratford High School in Goose Creek, SC. He resides in Ladson, SC. in the off-season. He was honored as **South Carolina's Class 4A "Back of the Year"** and conference Offensive Player of the Year as a senior with his **2,203 yards and 30 TD's**. In one of the most productive careers ever in the state his **three-years totals were 4,411 yards and 54 TD's** as a prep runner.

Green's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rush	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
1990	Cinc	12/9	83	353	4.3	39	1	12	90	7.5	22	1
1991	Cinc	14/10	158	731	4.6	75t	2	16	136	8.5	18	0
1992	Cinc	16/15	265	1170	4.4	53	2	41	214	5.2	16	0
1993	Cinc	15/15	215	589	2.7	25	0	22	115	5.2	16	0
1994	Cinc	14/11	76	223	2.9	22	1	27	267	9.9	34	1
1995	Cinc	15/15	171	661	3.9	23t	2	27	182	6.7	24	1
1996	StL	16/5	127	523	4.1	35t	4	37	246	6.6	19	1
1997	Atl	16/1	36	78	2.2	22	1	29	360	12.4	47	0
Totals:		**118/81**	**1131**	**4328**	**3.8**	**75t**	**13**	**211**	**1610**	**7.6**	**47**	**4**

Green's Best Games

Rushes	Yards	Long	TD's
31 vs. NE (12-20-92) 26 @ Buff (10-21-91) 25 @ Chi (11-8-92)	190 vs. NE (12-20-92) 141 @ Buff (10-21-91) 135 @ Clev (9-15-91)	75t @ Dall (10-13-91) 53 vs. NE (12-20-92) 52 @ Sea (9-6-92)	2 vs. Atl (11-10-96) 1 (11 times) (Last vs. Oak, 9-14-97)
Receptions	**Yards**	**Long**	**TD's**
7 @ SF (12-5-93) 7 @ NYG (11-21-93) 7 @ Hou (10-25-92)	57 vs. Phil (12-24-94) 55 @ Det (8-31-97) 47 vs. Phil (12-14-97)	47 vs. Phil (12-14-97) 34 vs. Hou (11-13-94) 28 @ Det (8-31-97)	1 vs. SF (10-6-96) 1 vs. Clev (10-29-95) 1 @ SD (9-11-94) 1 @ LA Rams (10-7-90)

TRAVIS HALL

DEF. TACKLE • 6-5 • 288
4th Season • BYU
Born 8-3-72 • Kenai, AK
Acq: D6, '95 (181st)

Last Season

Travis continued to be a stabilizing force on a vastly improved Falcons defense which finished with its best overall ranking in seven years. The best season of his pro career included the following highlights.

NFL's Top Sack Duos in 1997

1. 27.0 ..... Dana Stubblefield (15.0)/Chris Doleman (12.0), 49ers
2. 24.0 ..... Michael Strahan (14.0)/Raymont Harris (10.0), Giants
3. 23.5 ..... Bruce Smith (14.0)/Bryce Paup (9.5), Bills
4. **22.5 ..... Chuck Smith (12.0)/Travis Hall (10.5), Falcons**

Δ Finished second on team with 10.5 QB sacks, and 29 QB pressures, while ending up 4th with 107 tackles (and still missed part of two games).

Δ With his 10.5 sacks, he became the **first interior lineman (DT) to record double-digits in sacks in team history**. He played a big hand in the club setting a new club record with 55 QB sacks, 43 by the line.

Δ The **10.5 QB sacks were the 3rd highest total by a defensive tackle in the NFL** behind only Pro Bowlers John Randle (15.5) and Dana Stubblefield (15).

Δ Hall and Chuck Smith combined for 23.5 sacks, the 4th-most productive sack duo in the League, and the 2nd-best ever in team history .

Δ Posted second-highest total on defense in Rich Brooks' rating system with 368.5 points.

Δ Recorded 6 or more tackles in a game 11 times, 7 or more stops in game 8 times, and had a pair of two sack games.

Falcons Single Season Sack Leaders

1. 16.0 ..... Joel Williams, 1980
2. 15.0 ..... Claude Humphrey, 1976
3. 12.5 ..... Claude Humphrey, 1974
4. 12.0 ..... Chuck Smith, 1997
   12.0 ..... Claude Humphrey, 1971
6. 11.0 ..... Chuck Smith, 1994
7. **10.5 ..... Travis Hall, 1997**
   10.5 ..... Al Richardson, 1981

Δ Earned first-ever **NFC Defensive Player of the Week honors** in a win over Seattle (11/30) by collaring a **career-high 15 tackles** (two for loss), .5 sack, 2 QB pressures and a deflected pass.

Δ Registered 10 tackles, 2 sacks, a forced fumble, a recovered fumble and 2 QB press. at New Orleans (10/12) as the club set a franchise record with 10 sacks in winning effort.

Δ Posted 9 tackles, 2 sacks, 3 QB pressures to be named defensive player of the game by the coaches vs. Oakland (9/14).

Δ Recorded 9 tackles, 1 sack, 2 QB pressures and a pass break-up in a win at San Diego (12/7).

Pro Career

Hall has now been a steadying influence on the interior of the Falcons defense with 29 total starts in the last two seasons and **21 in-a-row**. His production has increased each season. He has broken his previous career-high in tackles each of the past two seasons by boasting 98 and then 107, respectively. Travis has also increased his sack output each campaign from 6.0 to 10.5 and his QB pressures from 26 to 29. He made a quick impression in **his first ever NFL start at Carolina (9/1) in '96** by **sacking QB Kerry Collins and forcing a fumble** in the first quarter. His initial campaign as a pro in '95 was spent behind a deep Falcons line which included veterans Jumpy Geathers, Pierce Holt and Moe Gardner. In '96, Hall earned a starting spot in training camp and went on to finish second on the team in tackles with 98, QB sacks with 6, QB pressures with 26, and forced fumbles with a pair (despite missing two games). The 98 tackles represented the most stops by a Falcons defensive lineman in three years (since Moe Gardner tallied 128 in '93).

Top Sack Duos in Falcons History

1. 24.0 ..... Joel Williams (16.0)/Jeff Merrow (8.0), 1980
2. **22.5 ..... Chuck Smith (12.0)/Travis Hall (10.5), 1997**
3. 22.0 ..... Claude Humphrey (15.0)/Jeff Merrow (7.0), 1976

College Career

A Super Sleeper Team and All-Western Athletic Conference first team choice by the *NFL Draft Report*, Hall started all 13 games at right defensive end for the Top 20 ranked Cougars in '94. Travis recorded 61 tackles (38 solo), 8 sacks, 19 QB pressures, and 13 stops for losses. Despite playing on the line, he still managed to lead the team with 10 pass deflections, while corralling an interception and recovering two fumbles. One of his best all-around games came in a 13-12 win over Hawaii when he recorded 3 solo tackles, 3 QB pressures, deflected 3 passes, intercepted a pass to set up a score, and forced 3 fumbles, earning WAC Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors.

Notebook

Travis' hard working road to becoming a reliable NFL starter with Pro Bowl potential took a drastic turn from one year to the next. The 181st player selected on the 6th round of the '95 draft, Hall only **came off the bench for just three plays from scrimmage as a rookie.** The next season he was a big-time performer and team leader, finishing second on the team in FOUR defensive categories, including tackles and sacks. In only his **third NFL start,** Travis **totaled a career-best 14 tackles and two QB sacks against Philadelphia** to start to draw attention (and double-teams) from the rest of the League. He gained an extra 15 pounds of muscle in the off-season between his first and second years by being a workout warrior at the team's headquarters. Hall is a self-made player who credits his time growing up in the wild of Kenai, Alaska (150 miles south of Anchorage) for his trademark intensity and relentless drive. For food he **hunted live game** (mostly moose) and to heat the old wood burning stove he chopped wood daily. Sometimes he would have to fight through heavy snow at knee length to find fuel. His father always told him...*"Moose meat and firewood build athletes."* One of his summer jobs while with his father in Alaska was **working on commercial fishing boats.** Of course, some of his natural hobbies include salmon fishing, riding horses, and camping. Hall was beyond humbled when his West Jordan (Utah) High School **retired his #78 jersey in May of '97.** Travis' famous pass rush move was named "The Mormon Maneuver" by his teammates. Hall is just the **sixth native Alaskan to ever play in the NFL.**

Personal

His father, Mark Hall, played center and every defensive position except safety as well as excelling as a wrestler in high school, so it's easy to see where Travis receives his athletic ability from in the family. But sports highlights came in Utah while staying with his mother, Judy Crockett. Travis was an All-State selection by the *Salt Lake Tribune/Desert News* as a senior. A conscientious student he earned **academic all-state honors for his 4.0 GPA** as a senior and 3.76 mark as a junior. An excellent hockey player, he **captured a medal in hockey at the 1989-90 Utah Winter Games** as a junior club player. He laced up the skates in the '97 off-season and **won a division title played at the old Omni** after starting out

competing in pickup games at the Atlanta Ice Forum in nearby Duluth, Ga. He and his wife, Tonya, are the proud parents of two sons, Austin (1/26/96) and Jacob, who was born in April.

Hall's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	Sacks	Yds	Press	FF	FR	BB
1995	Atl	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
1996	Atl	14/13	98	53	6.0	24	26	2	1	0
1997	Atl	16/16	109	66	10.5	62	29	0	1	5
Totals:		**31/29**	**207**	**120**	**16.5**	**86**	**55**	**2**	**2**	**5**

Hall's Best Games

Tackles	Sacks	Pressures	FF	FR
15 @ Sea (11-30-97) 14 vs. Phil (9-22-96) 12 vs. Hou (10-13-96) 10 @ N.O. (10-12-97) 10 vs. S.F. (12-2-96)	3 @ N.O. (10-12-97) 2 vs. Oak (9-14-97) 2 vs. Phil (9-22-96) 1.5 @ Sea (11-30-97) 1 (8 times)	4 @ Det (10-6-96) 4 @ S.F. (9-29-96) 4 vs. Phil (9-22-96) 3 (6 times)	1 @ N.O. (12-8-96) 1 @ Car (9-1-96)	1 @ N.O. (12-8-96) 1 @ Car (9-1-96)

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RUFFIN HAMILTON

LINEBACKER • 6-1 • 238

3rd Season • Tulane

Born 3-2-71 • Zachary, LA

Acq: FA (2-13-97)

Last Season

Ruffin was a reserve linebacker and full-time special teams standout in '97. Hamilton's six special teams tackles were tied with Craig Sauer for the fourth-best total on the team. He fought through a hamstring injury and back injury to perform in 12 games. His top tackle game on 'teams' came at Seattle (11/30) when he collared two stops. As a linebacker, he registered two tackles.

Pro Career

A sixth round draft choice of the Packers in '94, Hamilton played in five games after being activated from the practice squad with two playoff appearances. He was released on the final cutdown in '95 and signed to the Falcons'training camp roster in '96. Ruffin was released (injury settlement) by the birds but received another opportunity with a new coaching staff in '97 and made the team through his strong preseason play.

College Career /Notebook

A four-year letterwinner ('90-93) and three-year starter at outside linebacker, Ruffin closed out his career at Tulane with 143 tackles, seven sacks, two picks, three forced fumbles, six passes defensed and two fumble recoveries. A versatile athlete, Hamilton also **participated in 10 games with the Green Wave basketball team as a junior** and threw the shot put, discus, and javelin his first two years in college. "Ruff" now fulfills his need to play hoops by excelling on the Falcons' off-season basketball team.

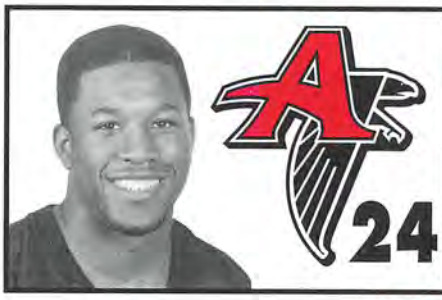
Personal

At Northeast High School in Zachary, La. (home of former Super Bowl MVP Doug Williams), he won four letters as a running back and linebacker. He garnered All-District honors as a senior. On the hardwood, he was an all-state choice for leading his school to the state finals. A big-game player, he **sank two free throws with no time left** to advance his team to the championship game. When he took off his high tops, he replaced them with track spikes

and **picked up a state championship in the discus** and captured **all-state honors in the shot put**. Ruffin Hamilton III was born on March 2, 1971, in Detroit, Michigan. He and his wife, Dena, and have a daughter, Whitney.

Hamilton's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	SpT	Scks	Press.	INT's	PD	FF	FR	TD
1994	G.B.	5/0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1995	DNP	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1996	DNP	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1997	Atl	12/0	2	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:		**17/0**	**2**	**2**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**



BYRON HANSPARD

RUNNING BACK • 5-10 • 198

2nd Season • Texas Tech

Born 1-23-76 • Desoto, TX

Acq: D2 – '97 (41st)

Last Season

Byron's brilliant rookie season returning kicks and rushing the ball was among the best ever for any rookie club history and he established his presence among all rookies in the class of '97.

• Recorded the **longest run from scrimmage in 32-year history of the Falcons with 77-yarder** vs. Oakland (9/14).

• Broke free for the **eighth longest run ever with 57-yarder** vs. Denver (9/28), and then **12th longest run with 53-yarder** vs. Philly (12/14).

• **Returned** second half **kickoff 93-yards for a touchdown at Seattle** (11/30), 8th longest ever.

Falcons All-Time Longest Runs

1. **77 yds ..... Byron Hanspard vs. Oak, 9-14-97**
2. 67 yds ..... Mike Rozier vs. Dallas, 12-30-90
3. 66 yds ..... Harmon Wages vs. N.O., 12-7-69
4. 65 yds ..... Ernie Wheelwright vs. L.A., 9-11-66
5. 62 yds ..... John Settle vs. N.O., 9-11-88
6. 60 yds ..... Jim Butler vs. Det, 12-8-68
   60 yds ..... Bubba Bean vs. T.B., 11-4-79
8. **57 yds ..... Byron Hanspard vs. Den, 9-28-97**
   57 yds ..... Gerald Riggs vs. N.O., 9-2-84
10. 56 yds ..... Dave Hampton vs. L.A., 10-1-72
11. 55 yds ..... Haskel Stanback vs. Det, 9-23-79
12. **53 yds ..... Byron Hanspard vs. Phil, 12-14-97**

• Earned **NFC Special Teams Player of the Week** honors for game heroics at San Diego (12/7) for **returning a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown, 3rd longest in team history,** and second TD in back-to-back weeks.

• Named **NFC Special Teams Player of the Month of December**.

• **First Falcon to ever return 2 kickoffs for touchdowns** in a single season.

• Last rookie to return kickoffs for a TD in consecutive weeks was 26 years ago when Isaac Thomas of the Cowboys did so on Nov. 25 and Dec. 4, 1971.

• Last player to return a kickoff for a TD in back-to-back games was Dennis Gentry in the final game of the '85 season and opener of '86 for the Bears.

• Last player to return two kickoffs for a TD's in the NFL was Tamarick Vanover of the Chiefs in '95.

• 3rd among all rookies with 1,375 all-purpose yards, a team-best, and 14th-most in team history.

• Totaled 6 games with 100 or more all-purpose yards with personal-best 156 at Seattle (11/30).

Falcons All-Time Longest Kickoff Returns

1.	100t	Deion Sanders @ S.F., 10-13-91
	100t	Dennis Pearson @ Cards, 12-17-78
3.	**99t**	**Byron Hanspard @ S.D., 12-7-97**
	99t	Deion Sanders @ Wash, 9-13-92
	99t	Ron Smith @ Balt, 9-17-67
6.	97t	Tony Smith vs. Pitt, 9-27-93
7.	94t	Cliff Austin vs. N.O., 10-20-85
8.	**93t**	**Byron Hanspard @ Sea, 11-30-97**

• Recorded **11 total plays over 29 yards**.

• Big-play KOR's of 99t, 93t, 45, 37, 34, 33, and 29 yards.

• Tied for 5th in NFL in kickoff return average at 24.7, 7th-best ever in team annals.

• His 987 return yards were the 6th-most in a single season by a Falcon.

• Averaged 6.3 yards per rush on season (53-335), 8.8 yards per catch (6-53), and amassed three TD's on the year (2 KOR, 1 Rec.).

• Named an **All-Rookie kick returner** by *Football News* and *Pro Football Weekly*.

College Career

Hanspard enjoyed one of the finest seasons and careers in NCAA history at Texas Tech.

√ The **'96 Doak Walker Award winner as the best running back in the country** finished his illustrious career at Texas Tech with 4,579 rushing yards, 5,535 all-purpose yards, and 38 rushing touchdowns. The 4,579 rushing yards surpassed Bam Morris (and James Gray) into the top spot in school record books.

√ This **first-team consensus All-America** became **only the 6th runner in college football history to amass 2,000 rushing yards** in a season with his 2,084 in 11 games in '96. The 2,084 is the 5th-best single season mark in NCAA annals and shattered the school record of 1,752 by Morris. He became only the 6th back ever in NCAA history to surpass 1,000 yards in the first five games of a season

√ Hanspard's school-record breaking '96 junior season included **gaining over 200-yards rushing in a game FIVE times**, with four coming on consecutive weekends with 272, 214, 224, and 287 yards (school record). In addition to his 287 rushing yards against Baylor (most yards ever gained against the school), he also gained 60 more yards on three receptions to total 347 all-purpose yards.

√ He closed out his collegiate career with **16 consecutive 100-yard games** (last game he gained 84 yards vs. Oklahoma). During his playing days in Lubbock, he registered 22 career 100-yard games.

√ Byron's 189.4 rushing average per game in '96 was the 5th-best mark ever in a single season by an NCAA runner (Barry Sanders, Marcus Allen, Ed Marinaro, Troy Davis).

√ His all-purpose total of 206.91 a game in '96 was second only to Troy Davis' mark of 214.91.

√ This workhorse showed he was durable and tough by logging 41, 37 (twice), 36, 35, 29 and 28 carry games during games his final season.

√ A breakaway threat, he scored 24 rushing touchdowns over final two seasons (28 including Bowls) and 32 total TD's.

√ Played in three Bowl games with 4 scores and 260 yards coming in the Copper Bowl .

Notebook

Hanspard's development into one of the most feared kick returners in the NFL last year is even more impressive when you consider that the **last time he returned a kickoff was as a sophomore at Dallas' DeSoto High School.** *"Some of it is instinct and some of it is survival. There's a healthy kind of fear. You run scared because you're a target and there are 11 bullets all aimed full-speed at you,"* Byron explained. This former Heisman Trophy finalist (6th in voting) would have likely surpassed Tony Dorsett's NCAA record of 6,082 career rushing yards if he had played another college season for he was only 1,864 yards away from the record. When he gained 272 yards at Oklahoma State's Texas Stadium his final season he reached a milestone no previous runner had ever achieved at that stadium including talented collegians Eric Dickerson, Emmitt Smith, and Dorsett. Hanspard was already a familiar name in Georgia even before he was drafted by the Falcons because in the fall of '96 he ran through the University of Georgia defense for 214 yards and two touchdowns up the road in Athens. Byron is a **licensed Pentecostal minister** in the Lay Ministers for Christ International since the summer of '95, a national evangelical organization which has Reggie White as member. He spent his spare time in college at the Lubbock Community Baptist Church, serving as a part-time minister.

Personal

The guiding influence in Byron's life has been his father, Leon Hanspard (a truck driver). Leon spent most of his weekends teaching Byron how to play football on the playgrounds of Wheatland Park and Keist Park in Dallas. His father played on the **same high school team as former Cowboys TE Billy Joe Dupree.** The devoted father missed only one of his Byron's college games. As a six-year old it was quite apparent to everyone that watched young Byron play Pop Warner that his speed and quickness were something special. He once caught a player from behind to save an obvious touchdown. Sports was so important to him growing up that he only wanted to receive sports equipment for birthday presents and at Christmas. One of the most sought-after running backs in the nation at the high school level, Byron was a *Parade* All-America out of DeSoto High School (a Dallas area suburb). He made on-campus visits to Notre Dame, Colorado and Nebraska, before settling on in-state school Texas Tech. During a prolific junior and senior season, Hanspard **gained 4,013 rushing yards**, the 12th highest all-time total in the state (5A competition). This **Dallas area Male Athlete-of-the-Year** averaged 8.7 yards per carry, rushed for 2,101 yards, and scored 35 TD's. Byron's **top rushing effort was a 313-yard game** against North Mesquite as he guided DeSoto H.S. to a 12-1 record and a state quarterfinal appearance. He lined up as the school's starting defensive back as a sophomore. His second cousin is ex-Bengal runner Essex Johnson. Byron married the former Yolanda Sargent this off-season.

Hanspard's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rush	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
1997	Atl	16/0	53	335	6.3	77	0	6	53	8.8	21	1
Totals:		**16/0**	**53**	**335**	**6.3**	**77**	**0**	**6**	**53**	**8.8**	**21**	**1**

	Kickoff Returns					Punt Returns					
Year	**No.**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**LG**	**TD**	**No.**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**LG**	**TD**	**Total Yds**
1997	40	987	24.7	99t	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	1,375
Totals:	**40**	**987**	**24.7**	**99t**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**1,375**

Hanspard's Best Games

Rushes	Yards	Long	Combined Yds
8 vs. Den (9-28-97) 6 vs. N.O. (11-23-97) 6 @ N.O. (10-12-97)	84 vs. Oak (9-14-97) 76 vs. Phil (12-14-97) 67 vs. Den (9-28-97)	77 vs. Oak (9-14-97) 57 vs. Den (9-28-97) 53 vs. Phil (12-14-97)	156 vs. Phil (12-14-97) 152 @ Sea (11-30-97) 118 vs. Den (9-28-97)
Receptions	**Yards**	**Long**	**TD's**
2 vs. Oak (9-14-97) 1 (4 times)	30 vs. Oak (9-14-97) 10 vs. Phil (12-14-97)	21 vs. Oak (9-17-97) 10t vs. Phil (12-14-97)	1 vs. Phil (12-14-97)
Kickoff Returns	**Yards**	**Long**	**TD's**
5 @ S.F. (9-21-97) 4 vs. Phil (12-14-97) 4 vs. S.F. (10-19-97)	145 @ Sea (11-30-97) 107 vs. S.F. (10-19-97) 99 @ S.D. (12-7-97)	99t @ S.D. (12-7-97) 93t @ Sea (11-30-97) 45 vs. S.F. (10-19-97)	1 @ S.D. (12-7-97) 1 @ Sea (11-30-97)

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MERCURY HAYES

WIDE RECEIVER • 5-11 • 195
3rd Season • Michigan
Born 1-1-73 • Houston, TX
Acq: FA – (10-27-97)

Last Season

Mercury's second season began in New Orleans but he did not catch a pass in four games. He signed with the Falcons on October 27 and remained inactive for six games. Hayes was activated for the final two games of the season in Atlanta when the Falcons' coaching staff was eager to gauge the potential of this speedy wideout.

Pro Career

Hayes performed in seven games as a rookie in New Orleans in '96 and was inactive for the other nine games. He hauled in four passes for 101 yards with a long catch of 50 yards. In addition, he returned two kickoffs for 30 yards with a long of 17 and also rushed the ball one time for five yards. On special teams, he registered two tackles. Against the Falcons (11/17), he collected his first NFL pass reception of 17 yards in the second quarter. Playing primarily as the third wideout vs. St. Louis (12/1) he caught two passes for 60 yards, including a 50-yard bomb from Doug Nussmeier.

College Career

For the Michigan Wolverines, Hayes played in the maximum of 45 regular season games and each of the school's four post-season appearances. He performed the role of big-play receiver with his **17.5 average** per catch. A dangerous returner, he handled all the punting and kickoff duties as well. His final season in Ann Arbor saw him snag a career-high 46 passes for 888 yards with four TD's. Mercury was afforded a first-team All-Big 10 nod in starting all 12 games for the nationally-ranked Wolverines.

Notebook/Personal

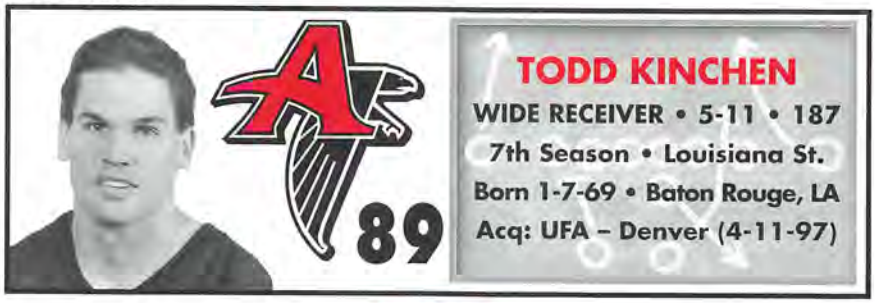
He was named after a planet because his mother, JoAnn, looked to the sky for a name for her son and Jupiter and Mars didn't fit. He lives up to his name by being a speed burner who earned a reputation at Michigan for running past defenders to haul in plenty of clutch catches in his four-years. Hayes **played NINE different positions** including all four secondary spots as well as halfback, quarterback, split end, flanker, returner and punter at Booker T. Washington High in Houston. According to *Super Prep Magazine* he was rated the 14th-best receiver in the country as a senior. The **communications degree holder** showcased his talents for NFL scouts at the Senior Bowl and East-West Shrine Game.

Hayes' Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD	KOR	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
1996	N.O.	7/0	4	101	25.3	50	0	2	30	15.0	17	0
1997	N.O./Atl	6/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals:		**13/0**	**4**	**101**	**25.3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

Hayes' Best Games

Receptions	Yards	Long	TD
2 vs. StL (12-1-95) 1 @ T.B. (11-24-96) 1 @ Atl (11-17-96)	60 vs. StL (12-1-96) 24 @ T.B. (11-24-96) 17 @ Atl (11-17-96)	50 vs. StL (12-1-96) 24 @ T.B. (11-24-96) 17 @ Atl (11-17-96) 10 vs. StL (12-1-96)	0 TD's scored



TODD KINCHEN

WIDE RECEIVER • 5-11 • 187
7th Season • Louisiana St.
Born 1-7-69 • Baton Rouge, LA
Acq: UFA – Denver (4-11-97)

Last Season

Todd made an impact on special teams by totaling the **second-most punt return yards ever** in team history with 446. He also was a capable third wide receiver with his 16 receptions for 266 yards and one TD. Kinchen's top return games came at the hands of Carolina (10/26) with 5 PR's for 61 yards (long of 38), at Seattle (11/30) with 4 for 53 yards and Denver (9/28) with 4 for 40. On offense, he was named player of the game for his work against San Francisco (9/21) and at San Diego (12/7). Against the Niners, he hauled in three passes for a team-high 83 yards, including **a career-best 53-yard TD**. Todd also came up big vs. his former Ram (11/2) teammates with 2 catches for 42 yards and vs. the Eagles (12/14) with 3 receptions for 39 yards (long of 22).

Pro Career

Kinchen is a veteran of 72 games in his six seasons in the NFL. He has returned 158 punts for 1,455 yards for an impressive career average of 9.2. Todd's caught 84 passes for 1,201 yards as a receiver with nine TD's. In '96, he switched conferences after being traded from the Rams to Broncos (on 8/27) just before the season started. For Denver, he returned punts after Rod Smith was lost with a broken collarbone in the preseason. Kinchen boasted an 11.5 average (26-300), 3rd-best in AFC, with a long of 40 yards. In 49 games for the Rams in his first four seasons, he returned 80 punts for 709 yards with two scores and grabbed 67 receptions for 935 yards with eight TD's. This former third round draft choice led the Rams in punt return yards with 416 and finished second in kickoff return yards with 743 in '95. Add in his reception totals (36-419) and he posted a career-best 1,578 yards, second on the club. His first NFL start as a receiver came in '94 and resulted in him leading Ram pass catchers with 64 yards against San Francisco. As a rookie, he **tied the NFL record** (held by six others) for **punt return touchdowns in a single game** (61 & 35 yds.) and **most TD's by a combined kick return with two against the Falcons** in the season finale in '92. The first time he fielded a punt in the pro's came in that game and he took it the distance for a 61-yard touchdown. Todd **holds the Ram record for the most punts returned in a game** with seven against the Jets in '95. He's scored TD's three different routes when you include a 44-yard score off a reverse in '94.

College Career

Todd left Baton Rouge as LSU's fourth all-time receiver with 112 receptions and fifth all-time in yards with 1,911. This All-SEC choice as a senior also returned 36 punts for 9.4 average with two TD's in his career. His pair of return TD's tied Tommy Casanova's '70 school mark. He **broke a 22 year-old SEC record** and **set a school mark with his 248-yard receiving game** on nine catches against Mississippi State to earn conference Player of the Week honors his last season.

Notebook

A spiritual person, Todd began a non-profit organization that provides guidance and inspiration to athletes through biblical principles called God Rules Ministry, Inc. in '92. He plays host to a group of approximately 100 athletes from around the southeast in Birmingham each year. Kinchen even proudly displays the words GOD RULS on his jewelry and license plate. Todd is the second Kinchen to strap on the pads in the pro's, following his **brother, Brian, a tight end/long snapper for Baltimore** who started in the league in Miami in '88. Todd's faced Brian one time in his career and that came in '96 (Broncos vs. Ravens). This football lineage was passed on by their father, Gus, a former defensive end

on a unit nicknamed the "Chinese Bandits" that helped capture LSU's only National Championship in '58. The Kinchen brothers have now **played in a combined 215 NFL games with 225 career receptions** during their careers heading into '98.

Personal

One of the most celebrated all-around high school athletes to come out of the state of Louisiana in years, Todd Whittington was an all-sport standout at Trafton Academy in Baton Rouge. For the Tigers, he garnered state MVP honors on the gridiron as well as **winning state title's in both basketball and baseball**. He was also voted team and district MVP in football. Somehow he also found time to long jump, high jump, and triple jump for the track team and played on the tennis team. He became a local hero for staying in his hometown and playing college at LSU. A giving player, he **donated $10,000** to LSU's athletic department. A movie buff and collector, he revels in the fact that he **owns every single of Disney's classics** in his personal library. Kinchen completed the requirement for his degree in May of '96 in general studies with an emphasis in psychology, sociology, and speech. He and his wife, Mary, are the proud parents of a daughter, Lauren Grace, born Feb. 3, 1998.

Kinchen's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD	Rush	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
1992	Rams	14/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1993	Rams	6/1	8	137	17.1	35t	1	2	10	5.0	8	0
1994	Rams	13/0	23	352	15.3	43	3	1	44	44.0	44t	1
1995	Rams	16/1	36	419	11.6	35	4	4	16	4.0	15	0
1996	Den	7/0	1	27	27.0	27	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1997	Atl	16/0	16	266	16.6	53t	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals:		**72/2**	**84**	**1,201**	**14.3**	**53t**	**9**	**7**	**70**	**10.0**	**44t**	**1**

	Punt Returns					Kickoff Returns					
Year	No.	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	No.	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Total Yds
1992	4	103	25.8	61t	2	4	63	15.8	19	0	166
1993	7	32	4.6	8	0	6	96	16.0	22	0	275
1994	16	158	9.9	40	0	21	510	24.3	46	0	1,064
1995	53	416	7.9	27	0	35	743	21.2	50	0	1,594
1996	26	300	11.5	40	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	327
1997	52	446	8.6	38	0	1	18	18.0	18	8	730
Totals:	**58**	**1,455**	**9.2**	**61t**	**2**	**67**	**1,430**	**21.3**	**50**	**0**	**4,156**

Kinchen's Best Games

Receptions	Yards	Long	TD's
5 vs. N.O. (12-4-94) 4 @ S.F. (11-26-95) 4 @ Atl (11-19-95) 4 vs. Det (10-24-93)	85 vs. S.F. (10-19-97) 76 vs. N.O. (12-4-94) 64 @ S.F. (10-31-93) 60 vs. Det (10-24-93) 51 @ S.F. (11-20-94)	53t vs. S.F. (10-19-97) 43 vs. Den (11-6-94)	1 (9 times)
Rushes	**Yards**	**Long**	**TD's**
1 (7 times)	44 @ S.F. (11-20-94) 15 @ Phil (10-29-95)	44t @ S.F. (11-20-94) 15 @ Phil (10-29-95)	1 @ S.F. (11-20-94)
Punt Returns	**Yards**	**Long**	**TD's**
7 @ N.Y. Jets (12-3-95) 6 vs. N.Y. Jets (9-1-96)	103 vs. Atl (12-27-92) (2 returned for TD's in that game)	61t vs. Atl (12-27-92) 40 @ K.C. (9-22-96)	2 vs. Atl (12-27-92)
Kickoff Returns	**Yards**	**Long**	**TD's**
5 vs. S.F. (10-22-95) 4 vs. N.O. (12-4-94) 4 @ N.O. (10-23-94)	131 @ N.O. (10-23-94)	50 @ N.O. (11-5-95)	0

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BRIAN KOZLOWSKI

TIGHT END • 6-3 • 255
5th Season • Connecticut
Born 10-4-70 • Rochester, NY
Acq: FA – N.Y. Giants (3-21-97)

Last Season

Brian started the final five games of the season (and six overall) with an injury to Ed West and produced with seven catches for 99 yards and one TD. When starter O.J. Santiago was lost with a broken leg at St. Louis (11/16) the veteran Kozlowski stepped in and responded. He caught two passes for seven yards, including a **big two-yard TD grab with six minutes left** which gave the Falcons the lead, 24-21, in a six-point win. Because of his blocking exploits and for hauling in one pass for 28 yards at Seattle (11/30) in his first start, "Koz" was named co-offensive player of the game by the coaches. Brian's '97 contribution included one tackle on special teams, a kickoff return for 26 yards vs. S.F. (10/19), and another kickoff for 23 yards vs. St. Louis on a squib kick just before the half which set-up a field goal in an eventual 34-31 victory. He signed a new three-year contract on March 4th.

Pro Career

Kozlowski's career started with New York's practice squad in '93. He earned the right to be added to the regular roster one year later and went on to **play in 32 consecutive games** Brian performed in five games in '96 with his one touchdown reception coming in a huge win over the Cowboys. He moved his career games played number to 53 in four seasons with 16 more under his belt in '97. This solid special teammer has 16 tackles with a fumble recovery on his career ledger. Brian's 12 tackles on special teams for the Giants in '94 were good enough for second place on the team's charts.

College Career

Brian's consistency at the collegiate level was seen in his **43 consecutive starts** for the Huskies of the University of Connecticut. He moved into the starting lineup the second game of his freshman season and was a stalwart for the remainder of his career. A capable receiver, he caught 43 passes for 526 yards with a TD his final season in '92. He was part of a group of pass catchers which **set a school record for most receptions by three different receivers** with 207 in '91.

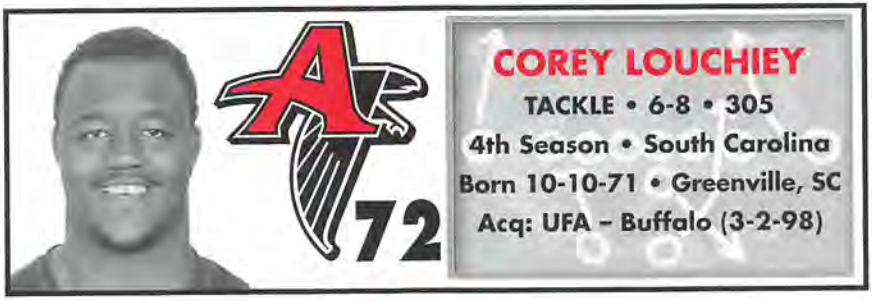
Notebook/Personal

"Koz" fits into Dan Reeves' offensive system which asks the tight ends to be possession receivers. His presence on the roster was key when the Falcons lost their starter (Santiago) and back-up (West) with four games to go in the season. Brian Scott was a **team most valuable player** and an All-County selection on offense at Webster (NY) High. He was also good enough to garner second-team All-County honors on defense. This all-around athlete also **played lacrosse** as a prep. One of **only four true freshman at Connecticut** to earn a varsity letter, Brian's best game as a collegian came versus Villanova as the sophomore caught 10 passes. His pass catching exploits at UConn were even more impressive when you consider he played with two All-America wide receivers for much of his career. This **political science major** in college married the former Ellen Wilson this past off-season.

Kozlowski's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD	KOR	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
1994	NYG	16/2	1	5	5.0	5	0	2	21	10.5	14	0
1995	NYG	16/0	2	17	8.5	12	0	5	75	15.0	17	0
1996	NYG	5/0	1	4	4.0	4t	1	1	16	16.0	16	0
1997	Atl	16/5	7	99	14.1	29	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals:		**53/7**	**11**	**125**	**11.4**	**29**	**2**	**8**	**112**	**14.0**	**17**	**0**

Kozlowski's Best Games			
Receptions	Yards	Long	TD's
2 vs. Phil (12-14-97) 2 @ StL (11-16-97) 1 (7 times)	41 vs. Phil (12-14-97) 28 @ Sea (11-30-97) 16 @ Ariz (12-21-97)	29 vs. Phil (12-14-97) 28 @ Sea (11-30-97) 16 @ Ariz (12-21-97)	1 @ StL (11-16-97) 1 @ Dal (11-7-97)



Last Season

The Falcons tabbed the mammoth 6-8, 305 pound four-year veteran from the Buffalo Bills as their first free agent signing. Louchiey (pronounced LOU-chee) started six games in Buffalo while playing in all 16 contests. This former 3rd round draft pick will line up and compete for the starting right tackle position. He started his first career opener vs. Minnesota (8/31) and helped the Bills accumulate 147 rushing yards and 426 total yards of offense. He made several key blocks as Buffalo gained 260 total yards in a six point victory at Jets (9/7). Corey also paved the way for the Bills to rush for 164 yards in a win over Detroit (10/5). He replaced an injured John Fina at left tackle vs. Miami (11/2) as the Bills racked up 179 yards rushing and at Chicago (12/7). He signed a two-year contract on March 2nd.

Pro Career

Corey, at only 26 years-old, moved his NFL games played number to 45 and career starts to 13 with his totals last season. His first season in the pro's in '94 was spent learning from a veteran line that included the likes of Kent Hull. In '95, Louchiey's first taste of pro experience came in the season opener at Denver (9/3) as he replaced an injured John Fina at left tackle late in the first half. He played the second half for injured Glenn Parker at right tackle vs. Jets (10/8). On the strength of his play that game, Corey made his first NFL start the next week vs. Seattle (10/15) and was given a game ball for his performance. He went on to stay in the lineup the following two weeks to finish with three starts on the year. His '96 totals read four productive starts in another 16 games played. Louchiey **received another game ball** for his strong start at Philadelphia (11/10) that included **holding Pro Bowler William Fuller sackless** and the Eagles as a team without a sack for the first time all season. The next week he helped lead the way for 308 yards in total offense vs. Cincy (11/17) in drawing his second consecutive start. In a start at left tackle for Fina against the Jets (11/24) he was key player in holding New York to zero sacks. Corey came in for an injured Parker (at right tackle) in the second quarter and the Bills finished with a season-best 19 passing first downs en route to a season-best 370 passing yards. With his help Thurman Thomas gained over 1,000 yards in '95 and for the NFL record tying eight straight season in '96.

College Career/Notebook

He started out as a student at South Carolina State and was asked to play defensive line by coach Willie Jefferies. Corey transferred to South Carolina a year later. He broke into the starting lineup for the Gamecocks halfway through the SEC battle with Tennessee and continued to start every game the following senior season. It was ironic that he received his opportunity to showcase his talents against the Volunteers because Louchiey enrolled at Tennessee first before eventually finding his way to South Carolina. Under the auspices of 'it takes one to know one' he **started out as a defensive tackle at S.C. State** but became an "excellent pass blocker" at USC. His senior season he increased his strength and weight

from 280 to 310 and became dominant. Corey was credited with **71 knockdown blocks** and graded out 82% for blocking consistency. Against Kentucky, he pounded the Wildcat defense to register seven knockdown blocks en route to 401 total yards. In his last 14 quarters of action as a junior, he collared 35 knockdown blocks. Louchiey has always prepared himself during the week like a professional and that was put to the test in '96. He didn't know he was going to be starting until the Saturday before the Eagles game and he wound up containing dangerous William Fuller (13 sacks) without a sack. Corey brings a winning presence to Atlanta after being surrounded with such solid players as Jim Kelly, Thurman Thomas, Bruce Smith, Kent Hull, Andre Reed and Steve Tasker in Buffalo. He's played in three playoff games in four seasons and his **'96 totals included catching a pass** (for no yards). Beneath the warm smile and deep voice is a player with a "mean streak" which is evident on game day. *"I'm a brown bag kind of guy. I'm going to give you an honest day's work for an honest day's pay."* In the past Corey has trained in the heat in Dallas with brother-in-law Jim Jeffcoat (now Cowboys assistant) to get ready for training camp. He is the second South Carolinian on the roster following the footsteps of Harold Green. Those huge footsteps also measure out to a **size 18 shoe**, **biggest on the team**, and he boasts a 500 pound bench press. He has a license tag that reads "Big C's Explorer".

Personal

Corey is coming home to play again in SEC country. Hailing from Greenville, S.C. (less than two hours from Suwanee), he was an All-America choice by *Super Prep Magazine* as well as an all-state, all-conference, and all-area nod at Carolina (Greenville) H.S. He started every game on both sides of the line for his three-year career. He recorded 80 tackles with six QB sacks as a senior and made 3.5 sacks in the South Carolina North-South All-Star game to finish runner-up in MVP balloting. An accomplished **discus thrower**, his **heave of 158'** on the school's track team was good enough to place second in an Upper Carolina state meet. A retailing major at South Carolina, he graduated with his degree early in August of '93. Corey and his wife, Nicole, were introduced for the first time by Tammy Jeffcoat, Nicole's sister.

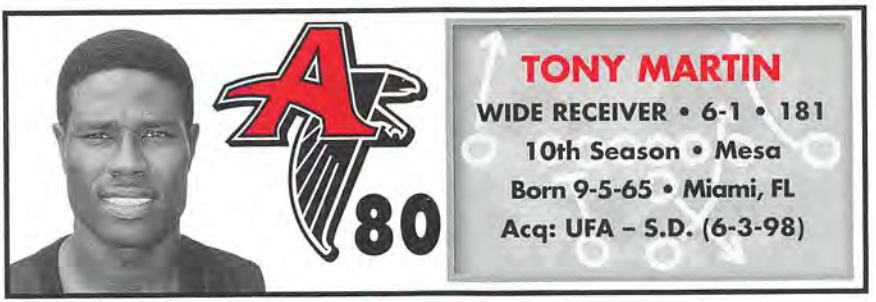
Louchiey's Career Games Played/Started
Career Totals: 44/13 **Regular Season:** 1995 (Buffalo 13/3), 1996 (Buffalo 15/4), 1997 (Buffalo 16/6)

FALCONS Youth FOUNDATION

The Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation (AFYF), founded in 1985 by Rankin M. Smith, Sr., owner of the Falcons, was established to help the youth of Georgia. It's primary purpose is to support and fund, when possible, programs, organizations and/or services which help young people reach their fullest potential.

One important objective is to position the AFYF in the forefront of every community service offered by the Atlanta Falcons. By being the true community service arm of the Falcons, along with hosting annual fundraisers, such as the annual Charity Kickoff Luncheon, the Dan Reeves/Whitey Zimmerman Golf Classic, the Falcons Jazzercise for the Cure, and other events, the AFYF is equipped to make a real difference in the wellness and development of Georgia's youth and families in need.

Since it's inception, the AFYF has worked with hundreds of community organizations throughout the state of Georgia, providing over $1 million in donations and in-kind services.



TONY MARTIN

WIDE RECEIVER • 6-1 • 181
10th Season • Mesa
Born 9-5-65 • Miami, FL
Acq: UFA – S.D. (6-3-98)

Last Season

The Falcons acquired Pro Bowler Tony Martin on June 3 to solidify their starting wide receiver corps. The fleet-footed Martin provides a deep threat and has been a big-time producer in his eight seasons in the NFL. He made the adjustment to a new offensive system under first-year head coach Kevin Gilbride, plus injuries to starting quarterbacks, but still had another outstanding season for the fourth consecutive year in San Diego.

Δ **Led the Chargers in receptions** with 63, **receiving yards** with 904 and **touchdown catches** with six.

Δ Dependable Tony was one of just 10 players to start every contest for the third straight year in a Charger uniform.

Δ Totaled two 100-yard receiving games *despite having four different quarterbacks throwing to him* and led the team in catches in six games.

Δ Caught four passes for **season-high 155 yards**, a 38.3 average, and **three TD's** (tying a personal-high), **including a 72-yard score** vs. Baltimore (9/28) to win **AFC Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors**.

Δ Hauled in **five catches for 100 yards** and two scores, **including a 61-yard TD** vs. Seattle (11/9).

Δ Caught a **season-high eight passes** (for 78 yards) vs. Denver (11/30).

Δ Streak of **53 straight games without at least one catch** was broken at KC (10/16).

Pro Career

Martin has established himself as an elite player in the NFL through nine seasons.

• Named to **Pro Bowl** and **voted by teammates as Most Valuable Player** after **tying team record** (Lance Alworth) and **co-leading NFL with 14 touchdowns** in '96.

• Tied an **NFL all-time record with a 99-yard TD catch** at Seattle in '94.

• In only **four seasons in San Diego ranked 8th all-time with 288 receptions**. Also, he totaled 4,184 receiving yards, a 14.5 average, and 33 TD's.

• Set **Charger record for catches in a season with 90 in '95 to break Hall of Famer Kellen Winslow's** mark. Grabbed 85 catches in '96.

• **Averaged 72 catches, 1, 046 yards** and **8.25 TD's per season** in San Diego.

• Has recorded **16 100-yard games** with **5 over 150 yards** as well as 36 games with 5 or more catches.

• Totaled **24 career catches of 40 or more yards** which includes 6 over 60 yards, 9 over 50 yards and 9 more over 40 yards in distance.

• His "big-play" touchdowns in his career have covered 99, 80, 72, 61, 55, 54, 51, 50, 46, 43 and 41 yards.

- He's amassed 2 games with 3 TD's, plus 5 more games with 2 TD's and 3 games with 10 or more catches in his career.
- Tough and reliable he has **started the last 52 games in-a-row.**
- Scored a TD in both an AFC title game (at Pittsburgh) and a Super Bowl (XXIX).
- Named **AFC Player of the Month** (Dec. '95) and **NFL Alumni Wide Receiver of the Year** after '96 season.
- His post-season numbers read 20 receptions for 309 yards, a 15.5 average, and three touchdowns in eight games.

College Career

He was a **two-year starter at quarterback** for Mesa College Mavericks in Grand Junction, Colorado. He led the Mavs to a 21-3 record as a starter at Mesa and was tops in the country in scoring (53 pts a game), rushing (364.4) and total offense (540.5) during his senior season. Tony completed 85 of 144 attempts for 1,603 yards with 17 TD's and only two interceptions his last season which also included 531 yards rushing. He hit on 72 of 134 attempts for 953 yards with six scores and rushed for eight TD's as a junior. Martin originally enrolled at Colorado before attending Bishop (TX) College for two years prior to moving on to Mesa.

Notebook/Personal

After playing quarterback in college, Tony was converted to wide receiver in the New York Jets' training camp in '89 after being the club's 5th round draft choice. He was released by the Jets on the final cutdown but added to the Dolphins' developmental squad. Martin worked his way into five starts a year later while playing in all 16 games in Miami and began to establish himself as a legitimate wide out. He was traded to the Chargers for a fourth round choice on March 24, 1994. Tony made an impression with Charger fans immediately as **his first catch was a 61-yarder** versus Cincy. A **week later he tied an NFL record by recording a 99-yard TD catch** at Seattle. His "winning" experience in the pro's has included catching the "winning" TD pass from 43-yards out at Pittsburgh which gave the Chargers a 17-13 lead in an eventual win to advance to Super Bowl XXIX. He credits his receivers coach in San Diego, Jerry Sullivan (now with the Lions), for turning him into a dangerous receiver by running precise routes. *"In this League, you've got corners who are either good or great. That's what separates you from them is precise route running. It's going to be close all the time and then it's who gets out of their routes the best. That's what good, precise route-running does for you."* Martin worked himself into a complete pro wide receiver after playing quarterback at both the high school and college levels. Coach Bill Parcells called Tony *"the most explosive player we've played against this year"* during his break-out season of '95. He has played against the likes of veterans Eugene Robinson and Ray Buchanan in the past and the pair of former AFC defensive backs are more than glad to have this speedster as a teammate. Tony already has a big fan in his new town as his father, Hal, lives in Stone Mountain, Ga. Martin was **tabbed San Diego's "franchise" player following the '96 season** until the Chargers re-signed him to a four-year contract in May of '97. With his presence in the lineup, the Falcons now boast a pair of Pro Bowl wide receivers and a Pro Bowl quarterback on offense. Martin's love for golf will be enhanced at all of the beautiful courses at his disposal in Atlanta. Tony Derrick was born on Sept. 5, 1965 in Miami and was a three-sport stalwart for the Northwestern High School Bulls in his hometown. He spends the off-seasons between his residences at Miami Lakes and Escondido, CA.

Martin's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1990	Miami	16/5	29	388	13.4	45	2
1991	Miami	16/0	27	434	16.1	54	2
1992	Miami	16/3	33	553	16.8	55t	2
1993	Miami	12/0	20	347	17.4	80t	3
1994	San Diego	16/1	50	885	17.7	99t	7
1995	San Diego	16/16	90	1,224	13.6	51t	6
1996	San Diego	16/16	85	1,171	13.8	55	14
1997	San Diego	16/16	63	904	14.3	72t	6
Totals:		**124/57**	**397**	**5,906**	**14.9**	**99t**	**42**

Punt Returns

	No	Yds	Avg.	Long	TD
1990	26	140	5.4	35	0
1991	1	10	10.0	10	0
1992	1	0	0	0	0
Totals:	**28**	**150**	**5.4**	**35**	**0**

Additional stats 8 KOR's for 167 yards.

DID YOU KNOW.....

Tony's nine year pro career has included the rare feat of scoring touchdowns BOTH in an **AFC Championship game** and a **Super Bowl.** In the '94 Title game, he scored the **game winner for the Chargers** on an over-the-shoulder 43-yard TD grab at Pittsburgh to put the Chargers in their first Super Bowl. At Super Bowl XXIX in Miami, Martin scored on a 30-yard reception to complete his big-play double.

Martin's Best Games

Receptions	Yards	Long	TD's
13 vs.Sea (9-10-95)	172 vs. S.F. (12-11-94)	99t @ Sea (9-18-94)*	3 vs. Balt (9-28-97)
10 @ Indy (12-17-95)	168 @ Indy (12-17-95)	80t vs.Wash (10-4-93)	@ Oak (9-22-96)
10 @ Oak (9-22-96)	163 vs. Sea (9-10-95)	72t vs. Bal. (9-28-97)	2 vs. Sea (11-9-97)
9 vs. S.F. (12-11-94)	155 vs. Balt (9-28-97)	61t vs. Sea (11-9-97)	vs. Oak (10-21-96)
9 vs. Clev. (12-3-95)	152 @ Sea (9-18-94)	61 vs. Cin (9-11-94)	@ KC (11-24-96)
9 vs. Cin (9-8-96)	148 @ KC (11-24-96)	60t @ NYJ (12-18-94)	@ Indy (12-17-95)
9 @ Chi. (12/14-96)	138 @ Oak (9-22-96)	59 vs. Car (9-14-97)	@ NYJ (12-18-94)
8 vs. Det (11-11-96)	132 vs. Clev (12-3-95)	55t vs. NYJ (12-20-92)	
8 vs. Den (11-30-97)	128 @ Indy (11-3-96)	55 @ KC (1-24-96)	
7 7 times, last time vs. K.C. (12-14-97)	121 vs. Mia (11-5-95)	54 vs. SF (12-11-94)	
	116 @ NYJ (12-18-94)	54 @ KC (10-13-91)	* ties NFL record
	113 vs. Det (11-11-96)	51t @ Indy (12-17-95)	
	110 vs. Wash (10-4-93)	51 vs. TB (12-1-91)	
	106 vs. TB (12-1-91)	51 @ Indy (11-3-96)	
	104 @ KC (10-13-91)	50t vs. Mia (11-5-95)	
	100 @ Sea (11-9-97)		

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TERANCE MATHIS

WIDE RECEIVER • 5-10 • 185
9th Season • New Mexico
Born 6-7-67 • Stone Mtn., GA
Acq: UFA – N.Y. Jets (5-5-94)

Last Season

Terance put to rest any doubts that he was a by-product of the run-and-shoot system by putting up impressive numbers in '97.

√ **Second on the club's receiving charts** with 62 (three behind leader) for 802 yards and 6 receiving TD's.

All-Time Falcons TD Receptions	
1. Andre Rison	56
2. Alfred Jenkins	40
3. Michael Haynes	34
4. Terance Mathis	**32**

√ **Fourth-consecutive season to post 60 or more catches and 6 or more TD's.**

√ Recorded team-high in catches in a game six times, **including 107 yards on 8 receptions in the rain at Carolina** (10/26).

√ Hauled in 7 receptions for 75 yards with a four-yard TD vs. S.F. (10/19).

√ Recorded 7 catches for 73 yards, including an 11-yard TD vs. St. Louis (11/2).

√ Grabbed 6 passes for 55 yards with a 6-yard TD vs. Oakland (9/14).

Pro Career

Mathis has steadily climbed up the club's career lists and also been one of the most productive players in the NFL in his four seasons in Atlanta.

- #3 in Falcons record book in career catches with 320.
- #5 in Falcons record book in receiving yards with 3,954.
- #6 in Falcons record book in total TD's scored with 33, one behind Michael Haynes.
- #2 in Falcons record book for most 50-catch seasons with 4.
- #4 in Falcons record book for most 100-yard games career with 10.
- Holds team records for most catches in a season with 111 and shares record (with Haynes & Rison) for most 100-yard games in a season with 5 in '94.
- Shares team record for most TD receptions in a game with 3 (set in '95).
- #8 in NFL in most catches over last four seasons with 320.
- #5 (tie) in NFL in most TD's receiving over the last four seasons with 33.
- #12 in NFL in most receiving yards the last four seasons with 3,954.
- Has averaged 970 yards per season in 8-year career (7,759 yards) with 40 total TD's.
- NFL record holder in two-point conversions.

Terance has averaged a solid five catches per game (320 out of 64 games played) every time he laces up his Falcon cleats. He, Bert Emanuel, Craig Heyward, and Eric Metcalf set are in the NFL record books for having four different players from the same team each eclipse 1,000 yards receiving or rushing in the same season. Despite taking a number of hits over the last four years, Mathis has **only fumbled one time** with the Falcons. He would have led the NFL in punt return average (15.0) as a rookie with the Jets, but he didn't have enough returns to qualify. Mathis also tied a then-NFL mark with a 98-yard punt return for a score against Dallas during his inaugural rookie campaign.

Receptions
NFL Leaders Last 4 Years

Cris Carter	429
Herman Moore	405
Tim Brown	372
Jerry Rice	349
Larry Centers	331
Michael Irvin	329
Carl Pickens	322
Terance Mathis	**320**

College Career

Terance was **New Mexico's first-ever consensus All-American** in 1989 as he amassed 88 receptions for 1,315 yards and 13 TD's. When that senior season was over, he became the **NCAA's Division I career record holder in receiving yards** with 4,254. In addition, his 263 receptions (from 1985-87, '89) **ranked second on the NCAA's all-time list only behind Jerry Rice's** leading mark of 310 catches. Mathis was the **first player in NCAA history** to record the triple feat of more than 250 receptions, 4,000 receiving yards, and 6,000 all-purpose yards.He caught at least one pass in 28 straight games and 43-of-44 career contests as a Lobo. He tallied nine games of 150 or more yards and six games with 10 or more catches. His **three kickoff returns for TD's** (96, 95, 95) **tied an NCAA season all-time record**. He set a school record as a senior in kickoff returns with 31 for a 25.3 average and 3 TD's. The WAC marks he established were for combined yards with 6,691 and TD's with 36, while **tying Cris Carter's NCAA record** of a TD in nine straight games. Mathis began his college football career as a fifth-string quarterback at New Mexico until he went 65 yards for a score off an option the first time he touched the ball. He was then moved to wide receiver after that play.

Notebook

The Falcons' **"Man of the Year"** and **1998 "Peach of an Athlete" award winner** is highly respected in the Atlanta community for his civic-minded projects. His Terance Loves Children Foundation (TLC) began in Atlanta in '96 and is always busy during the holidays as he personally helps hand out 1,000 turkeys to six area clusters (Fulton, West Fulton, Grady, Southside, Archer, Harper). He has adopted 10 families at Christmas, given out Easter baskets to community centers in New Mexico, played a charity basketball game, and hosted a holiday party for Atlanta's inner city youth, among others. The project's roots date back seven years ago in his college town of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Of course, a lot of his good deeds are never publicized on purpose. Mathis was **given a "Community Achievement Award"** at the Salute to Georgia Legends ball from the city. Terance grew up quickly in Stone Mountain, Ga. because he was in charge of his two sisters when his mother (Dorothy Mahomes) was working. His daily responsibilities included fixing breakfast, getting them dressed, and off to school. But his day didn't end there for it was his duty to make sure the girls were home safely at night. This local football hero out of Redan High School hasn't forgotten where he came from as he has provided Falcon tickets to the school each season.

Touchdown Receptions
NFL Leaders Last 4 Years

Cris Carter	47
Carl Pickens	45
Herman Moore	42
Jerry Rice	37
Terance Mathis	**33**
Tim Brown	33
Tony Martin	33

Personal

"T-Math" is as popular with Falcon fans as he is on the speaking circuit. His platform is a

positive image and anti-drug message which he delivers to youth throughout the South. He has given inspirational speeches for the Atlanta Drug Enforcement Agency and was **called upon by the White House** to give an anti-drug speech to students at Scott Branch High School in Summerton, S.C. The 1.5 hour message at a school assembly was so well-received that he found time to return to the school and host a football camp in the summer. For his devoted community service through the years he was presented with the **"Outstanding Community Service Award"** from the city of Albuquerque. An honorable mention all-state QB at Redan, he also was the school's starting cornerback and handled the punt and kickoff return duties. This avid hoopster has owned Hawks season tickets for years and captured a 3-point shootout at the '94 Footlocker competition at the Pro Bowl. He still holds his high school's records for most assists and steals for a career.

All-Time Falcons Reception Yards

1. Alfred Jenkins	6,257
2. Andre Rison	5,635
3. Jim Mitchell	4,348
4. Michael Haynes	4,220
5. Terance Mathis	**3,954**

All-Time Falcons Receptions

1. Andre Rison	423
2. Alfred Jenkins	359
3. Terance Mathis	**320**

Mathis' Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	2-Pt Conv.
1990	N.Y. Jets	16/1	19	245	12.9	23	0	-
1991	N.Y. Jets	16/0	28	329	11.8	39	1	-
1992	N.Y. Jets	16/0	22	316	14.4	55t	3	-
1993	N.Y. Jets	16/0	24	352	14.7	46	0	-
1994	Atl	16/16	111	1,342	12.1	81	11	2
1995	Atl	14/12	78	1,039	13.3	54t	9	3
1996	Atl	16/16	69	771	11.2	55	7	1
1997	Atl	16/16	62	802	12.9	49	6	0
Totals:		**126/61**	**413**	**5,196**	**12.6**	**81**	**37**	**6**

	Kickoff Returns					Punt Returns				
Year	NO.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No	Yds	Avg.	Long	TD
1990	43	787	18.3	35	0	11	165	15.0	98t	1
1991	29	599	20.7	50	0	23	157	6.8	25	0
1992	28	493	17.6	32	0	2	24	12.0	12	0
1993	7	102	14.6	28	0	14	99	7.1	16	0
1994	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1995	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1996	0	0	0.0	0	0	3	19	6.3	10	0
1997	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals:	**107**	**1,981**	**18.5**	**50**	**0**	**53**	**464**	**8.8**	**98**	**1**

Mathis' Best Games

Receptions	Yards	Long	TD's
13 vs.K.C.(9-18-94)	184 vs. Rams (11-19-95)	81 @ SF (12-4-94)	3 vs. Rams (11-19-95)
10 vs. Rams (11-19-95)	163 @ Den (11-20-94)	55 @ Car (9-1-96)	2 (5 times, Most recently
10 @ NO (11-13-94)	128 @ SF (12-4-94)	55 @ G.B. (12-31-95)	Houston, 10-13-96))
10 vs. Phil (11-27-94)	125 @ NO (11-13-94)	55 vs. SF (9-20-92)	
9 @ Wash (9-25-94	124 vs. Phil (11-27-94)	54t @ Ariz (11-26-95)	**2-Point Conversions**
8 @ Car (10-26-97)	123 @ Car (9-1-96)	49 vs. Den (9-28-97)	1 vs. Phil (9-22-96)
8 vs. Pitt (10-27-96)	123 vs.KC (9-18-94)	49t @ Den (11-20-94)	1 vs. Det (11-5-95)
8 vs. S.F. (12-24-95)	111 vs. S.F. (9-20-92)	47t @ Den (11-20-94)	1 vs. N.E. (10-1-95)
8 @ Car (12-17-95)	107 @ Car (10-28-97)	46 vs. Mia (9-12-93)	1 vs. N.O. (9-17-95)
8 vs. S.F. (9-10-95)	102 @ Car (12-17-95)	41 vs.Rams (9-11-94)	1 vs. Phil (11-27-94)
8 vs. Car (9-3-95)	101 @ Dal (10-20-96)		1 vs. Rams (10-2-95
8 @ Den (11-20-94)			
8 @ Det (9-4-94)			

LENNY MCGILL

CORNERBACK • 6-1 • 202
5th Season • Arizona State
Born 5-31-71 • Escondido, CA
Acq: Trade – G.B. (6-6-96)

Last Season

Lenny was a contributor as a nickel back for the birds in '97. McGill played in 15 games and finished with 14 tackles with nine solo stops. His lone interception of the season was huge as it sealed a close win at Seattle (11/30) to help the Falcons post their third straight victory. He also added a season-high five tackles against the Seahawks. Lenny's other top efforts included two tackles apiece vs. Oakland (9/14) and New Orleans (11/23).

Pro Career

McGill has performed in 42 games through four seasons in the NFL since making Green Bay's roster as an undrafted college free agent in '94. His rookie campaign included a pair of interceptions in six games played before he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee at Minnesota (10/20). He returned to the Pack in '95 to play in 15 games and finished with 27 tackles, a pass defensed, and four special teams tackles. Lenny was acquired by the Falcons in a trade with the Packers on June 6, 1996. He finished the year with 32 tackles, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, two passes defensed, and six special teams tackles. He became a starter at right cornerback in Week 11 and remained in the lineup the remainder of the season. He amassed seven tackles each against the Jaguars (12/22) and Niners (12/2) and recorded five tackles as well as two special teams stops at the Bengals (11/24).

College Career

He was a two-year starter and four-time letterwinner for Arizona State. An honorable mention All-PAC 10 choice as a senior, Lenny's last season in Tempe included career highs for tackles with 62, solos with 44 and passes defensed with 9. He was **named ASU's "Most Improved Defensive Player"** by his teammates after his junior season in which he led them in interceptions with four. His first two seasons at Arizona State were spent playing behind Phillippi Sparks. This natural athlete competed for three seasons with the school's track team and once **finished second in the triple jump** with a leap of 51' 11 3/4" to end up **second at the '91 PAC 10 championships**.

Notebook/Personal

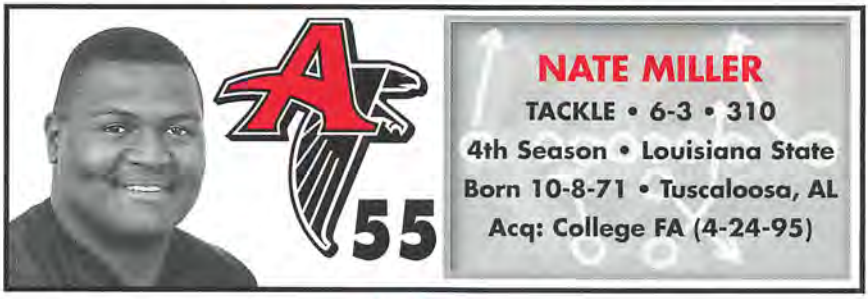
Lenny received a chance at redemption when he played at Qualcomm Stadium for the Falcons last season. This former San Diego county product played his final prep season at that stadium in a CIF Championship game but his Orange Glen High team lost to Morse in '88. But McGill helped the Falcons continue their winning ways last year with a 14-3 win. Charles Leonard was born on May 31, 1971 in Long Beach, Ca. He was a first-team all-league selection from his cornerback position while also garnering three letters at Orange Glen H.S. in Escondido, Ca. A highly recruited player, he was named as one of the top 10 defensive backs in the nation as a senior prepster by *The Sporting News*. McGill was also an excellent track athlete, posting a triple jump of 51' 2" to be among the best in the country. A friendly and unassuming person, he was **voted class president** and **homecoming king** by his fellow students in high school. His college roommates over the years included future NFLers Phillippi Sparks (Giants), Kevin Miniefield (Bears), and Craig Newsome (Packers). This resident of San Diego holds a BA degree in criminal justice.

McGill's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	INT's	Yds	LG	TD	Sacks	FF	FR	PD	SpTm
1994	G.B.	6/0	6	2	16	16	0	0.0	0	0	6	3
1995	G.B.	15/1	17	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	4
1996	Atl	16/8	32	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	2	6
1997	Atl	15/0	14	1	7	7	0	0.0	1	0	1	5
Totals:		**52/9**	**69**	**3**	**23**	**16**	**0**	**0.0**	**2**	**1**	**10**	**18**

McGill's Best Games

Tackles	Interceptions	Passes Defensed	Forced Fumbles
7 @ Jacks (12-22-96) 7 vs. S.F. (12-2-96) 7 @ Det (10-29-95)	1 @ Sea (11-30-97) 1 vs. T.B. (9-25-94) 1 vs. Rams (10-9-94)	3 vs. Rams (10-9-94) 2 vs. T.B. (9-25-94) 1 (4 times)	1 vs. Car (11-3-96)



Last Season

After a strong preseason showing, Nate earned a spot as a back-up guard and tackle. He sustained a broken left hand at Detroit (8/1) in the first pre-season game but continued to play with the injury. He was inactive the first three games of the regular season and dressed but did not play at San Francisco (9/21). But Miller played a reserve role in the next 12 games. His most extensive time came at Arizona (12/21) at right tackle, subbing for Matt Willig. Miller also was in the trenches for an extended period vs. New Orleans (11/23), at Seattle (11/30) and at San Diego (12/7) to help the Falcons continue their winning streak. He provided some big blocks on Byron Hanspard's long kickoff returns on special teams.

Pro Career

In his first training camp with the Falcons in '95 Miller switched to the offensive side of the ball. He made an impression and was added to the practice squad for the beginning of the season. Nate was elevated to the regular roster on Dec. 1 before the Dolphins contest (12/3) but was on the inactive list for the remaining four games. In '96, he made the final roster out of camp but was released and signed to the practice squad again. He was signed to the roster on Dec. 9 but was inactive for the last two games.

College/Notebook

Miller was in the starting lineup of the LSU Tigers for 29 of 37 games **played as a defensive tackle**. He made 101 tackles, 11 stops for losses, two forced fumbles, and two sacks. His string of 19 straight starts was stopped in his junior season due to a fractured fibula. Nate gained valuable experience as a **starting member of the Frankfurt Galaxy's O-line** in NFL Europe in the spring of '97. A friendly person, Nate successfully made the transition from defensive line as a college player to offensive line in the pro's. He was able to learn his trade and receive hands-on instruction from coaches each day as a member of the Falcons' practice squad for two seasons.

Personal

Nathan Udell was born on October 8, 1971 in Tuscaloosa, Al. He captured three letters for his exploits on the football field for Central East H.S. Miller also was a center/power forward for the school's basketball team and tossed the shot put for the track team. Nate receives his size from his father, Wallace, who stands 6-1 and tips the scale at 280 pounds. A criminal justice major at LSU, he enjoys reading as his favorite past time.

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EUGENE ROBINSON

SAFETY • 6-1 • 197
14th Season • Colgate
Born 5-28-63 • Hartford, CT
Acq: UFA – G.B. (3-6-98)

Last Season

On March 6, the Falcons signed one of the most experienced, smartest, and craftiest free safeties in the NFL with the addition of 13-year veteran Eugene Robinson of the Green Bay Packers. Robinson was the **NFC Champions' second-leading tackler** with 112 stops, including a **team-best 75 solo** tackles. Eugene was also the **Packers' leading tackler in the post-season** with 21 tackles. Take a look at the season accomplishments of one of the Packers' winning play-makers.

Most Career Interceptions
NFL History (Active Leaders)

49	**Eugene Robinson - 1985-97**
44	Darrell Green - 1983-97
41	Rod Woodson - 1987-97
40	Albert Lewis - 1983-97

His 112 tackles in '97 represented his fifth 100-tackle season of career.

√ Contributed a personal-best 2.5 QB sacks, 1 interception, 2 fumble recoveries and 5 passes defensed to his totals.

√ Collared at least 7 tackles in 10 out of 16 regular season games.

√ Became the **132nd player in NFL history to play in 200 regular season games** when he started at Tampa Bay (12/7). He's also played in 7 postseason games (4 int's).

√ Turned in a **momentum-changing play in the NFC Championship game** vs. S.F. as he **stepped in front of a Steve Young pass and returned it a career-best 58 yards** in the second qtr. to thwart a 49er drive (at GB 28) and propel Pack to a TD and 10-0 lead.

√ Earned NFL Defensive Player of the Week honors for his heroics that helped Packers return to second straight Super Bowl.

√ In **Super Bowl XXXII**, the aggressive Robinson **stole a John Elway pass** at the 2-yd line in the 3rd quarter to halt a drive and keep the Packers within a TD.

√ This big-game player posted team-leading 8 solo tackles, including a sack, and a fumble recovery in the Packers' 17-6 division clinching showdown with Buccaneers.

√ In Super Bowl rematch vs. New England, he totaled a team-best and season-high 11 tackles, a Drew Bledsoe interception, and forced a Curtis Martin fumble which was recovered by Pack and led to a TD.

√ His other top tackle efforts were 10 vs. Tampa Bay (10/5), 9 vs. Minnesota (9/21), 8 each vs. Miami (9/14), Detroit (twice), & Indy (11/16), and 7 apiece vs. Chicago (9/1) and at Philly (9/7).

Pro Career

Robinson brings over a decade full of leadership, experience, and consistency to Atlanta in an NFL career which began as an undrafted free agent with the Seahawks in '86. Let's go over the impressive resume of this 13-year veteran.

- **Started every game in two-year stint in Green Bay** and was given credit for solidifying defense for two-time NFC Champion and Super Bowl XXXI Champion Packers.
- **NFL's active interception leader** with 49 (see chart).
- Has **intercepted more passes in the '90's than any player** in NFL with 35.
- **3rd active NFL tackle leader** with 1,176 (see chart on page 125).
- Two-time Pro Bowl pick in '92 and '93.
- Started all 16 games in a season 9 times in his career.
- Led Seattle in interceptions in 6 out of last 7 seasons and first year in Green Bay.
- Played in a **team record 120 consecutive games** in Seattle before Achilles injury sidelined him for two games in '94, the only two games he's missed in standout career.
- Tops in Seattle history with 983 career tackles.
- Only defensive back in Seahawks history to have consecutive 100-tackle seasons.
- Led all Seahawk players in tackles four times and finished second four other times.
- Shares team record with 92 consecutive starts in Seattle.
- **Voted Team Captain by Seahawk teammates his last four seasons** ('92-95).

Year-by-Year

1996: Green Bay acquired Robinson for defensive end Matt LaBounty on June 27th. He paced the Pack and **finished tied for second in entire NFC with six thefts** in first year with new club en route to earning All-Pro honors by Sports Illustrated. His 87 tackles were fourth-best on the team and he made at least six tackles in 10 games. In a divisional playoff win over Niners, he stole two passes in the fourth quarter (and one other was negated due to false start penalty). He was third on the Super Bowl champions in tackles in the post-season with 14.

1995: He was the only Seattle defensive player to perform in every play of every game. He amassed 105 tackles, second-highest on club, and led the team in tackles in three games. Robinson made a season-high 13 tackles with an Elway pick vs. Denver (12/10).

1994: His **club-record streak of 120 straight games played** was halted after 14 weeks when an Achilles injury forced him onto injured reserve for the first time. He still ended up with 80 tackles and tied for the team lead with three interceptions. He collared 8 tackles in four contests and had at least 5 stops in 11 games.

1993: For the fourth straight campaign he lined up at free safety in all 16 games. He tied

Nate Odomes of the Bills for the NFL lead with a **career-best nine picks**, the third-highest total ever in team history. His **11 total takeaways were a League-best** mark and his 111 tackles were tops on the club's defensive charts. He broke up a personal-high 15 passes and amassed four double-digit tackle games in being invited to the Pro Bowl for the second straight season.

1992: Named to his **first Pro Bowl**, Eugene was first on the team with 94 tackles and tied for second in the conference in interceptions with seven. He **tied Kenny Easley's team record with three picks at Pittsburgh** (12/6). He made the 100th start of his career vs. Raiders (11/15) and had a season-high 13 tackles vs. Philly (12/13).

1991: Robinson **tied a club record with an interception in four consecutive games** and his 5 on the season was a team-high. He made at least five tackles in 11 games and his 93 total stops was second-best on the Seahawk charts. A first-team All-NFL selection by SI, he was voted Most Valuable Player for the first time by his teammates.

1990: His three thefts and four fumble recoveries were tied for the best totals on the team, while finishing second in tackles with 82. He picked off a fourth-quarter pass at San Diego (11/25) and returned it 30-yards to set-up a game-tying TD. Against Denver (12/23) he set-up a game-winning score by picking off a pass in the third quarter and running it back 39 yards. He also returned a Detroit fumble 16-yards (second career TD) to break a 10-10 tie and propel Seattle to a 30-10 victory.

1989: Eugene became the **first DB in team history to lead the team in tackles in two consecutive seasons** with his 107 stops. He also paced the team with five picks.

1988: He collared a team-high 115 tackles, the most by a Seattle DB since Dave Brown in '76. He also set a personal-best with 15 tackles at New England (12/4). He had a standout game in the divisional playoffs at Cincinnati (12/31) with a game-high 11 tackles.

1987: He started 12 games and finished third on team with 69 tackles. He blocked a Don Bracken punt vs. Green Bay (11/15) and returned it eight-yards for his first NFL TD. At Houston in a wild-card playoff game (1/3), he recorded 15 tackles, including 11 solos.

1986: In his first year as a starter, he was second on the teams ledger's with 99 tackles and paced the club with three recovered fumbles. He had a **takeaway in four consecutive games** (1 INT, 3 FR's).

1985: He began as a cornerback but was switched to safety and went on to play in all 16 games as a reserve. He posted a season-high 9 tackles in season's final games vs. Denver (12/20). His interception in the San Diego end zone sealed a 26-21 win and he returned another theft vs. K.C. (12/1) 47-yards to set-up a TD in a victory.

Notebook

"I enjoy life. God has blessed me tremendously. I'm not pretentious and stuck up and all that other stuff. I'm just a regular guy." This 'regular guy' has been working his special magic in the communities of Seattle and Green Bay for 13 years now. Robinson is **Seattle's four-time "Man of the Year"** ('91-93,'95) honoree for his philanthropic work with such organizations as the Boys & Girls Club of King County (WA), MDA, and the Union Gospel Mission. One of his projects was his work with Seattle's Urban Academy, an organization that helps children who have dropped out of school. In Green Bay, he was heavily involved in a cerebral palsey program and was an enthusiastic speaker to local schools and churches. He's also been a familiar face with numerous hospital visits through the years.

"It's just part of my personality to reach out," he explained. This heady former Colgate standout revels in being the 'quarterback of the secondary' and his game preparation as well as film study is legendary. Besides being the vocal leader of the secondary, he was also one of Green Bay's spiritual leaders off the field. He was a guiding force in weekly bible study and often times gave the pre-game prayer before the team took the field. *"I tell people I'm a Christian who just happens to play football."* An **A-student in high school**, Robinson was a 5-10, 165 pound walk-on at Colgate who **had to earn an academic scholarship to play football**. Because he believed he's had to out-work his competition every year, Eugene is a big proponent of staying in shape year-round. For the past 12 years, he's worked out in the off-season with a track coach (Mark Dell) who puts him through a grueling regimen. An immensely popular player in the locker room, he was **voted team MVP twice** ('91 and '93), **team captain four years** ('91-95) in Seattle and was **given the Steve Largent Award** for the player who best exemplifies the spirit, dedication, and integrity of Seahawks. A charming, gregarious person, he plays the saxophone and is the **co-promoter of a jazz musician in Seattle** (Tony Gable) and **a vocal group called 2nd Nature**. The **part owner of music label, InterMix Records,** Robinson has also written a song ("We Believe") and actually put some re-mixes together with pals Reggie White and Robert Brooks about the Packers Super Bowl season.

Personal

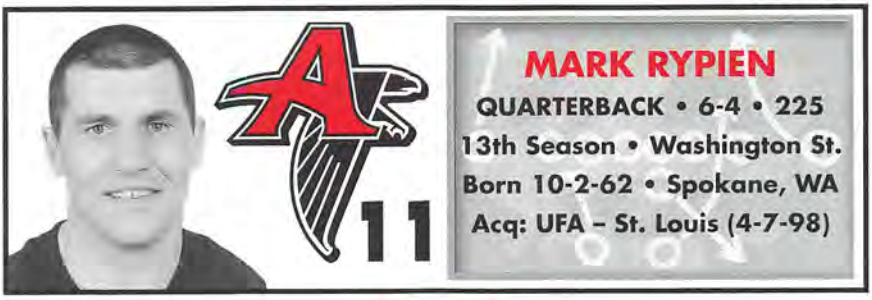
Eugene Keefe was born on May 28, 1963 in Hartford, CT. He garnered letters in football and wrestling at Weaver High in his hometown. He will be able to satisfy his need to hit the links whenever time allows as this "golf freak" as his wife, Gia, calls him will have plenty of golf courses to choose from in Atlanta. An articulate, insightful, engaging person, Eugene **played co-host to a weekly TV show** ("Monday Night Kickoff") in Green Bay and **received overtures from *CBS* in the off-season** about joining their TV booth when his football career is over. Robinson flew to Atlanta last year and was a studio guest on *TNT*. He and his wife, Gia, have a daughter, Brittany (8/12/87), and a son, Brandon (1/16/90) and reside in Woodinville, WA. in the off-season.

Robinson's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	INT's	Yds	LG	TD	Sacks	FR	FF	PD
1985	Sea	16/0	28	2	47	47	0	0.0	0	0	1
1986	Sea	16/16	99	3	39	25	0	0.0	3	0	10
1987	Sea	12/12	69	3	75	44	1	0.0	1	0	3
1988	Sea	16/16	115	1	0	0	0	1.0	0	1	5
1989	Sea	16/14	107	5	24	20	0	0.0	0	2	5
1990	Sea	16/16	82	3	89	39	1	0.0	4	1	5
1991	Sea	16/16	93	5	56	27	0	1.0	1	1	7
1992	Sea	16/16	94	7	126	49	0	0.0	1	2	12
1993	Sea	16/16	111	9	80	28	0	2.0	2	3	15
1994	Sea	14/14	80	3	18	18	0	1.0	1	0	8
1995	Sea	16/16	105	1	32	32	0	0.0	1	0	4
1996	G.B.	16/16	87	6	107	39	0	0.0	0	0	12
1997	G.B.	16/16	112	1	26	26	0	2.5	2	1	5
Totals		**202/184**	**1182**	**49**	**719**	**49**	**0**	**7.5**	**16**	**11**	**92**
Playoffs		**8/8**	**61**	**4**	**75**	**58**	**2**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**5**

Robinson's Best Games

Tackles	Interceptions	Sacks	Forced Fumbles	Fumble Rec.
15 @ N.E. (12-4-88) 13 vs. Phil (12-13-92) 12 vs. N.E. (10-24-93) 11 (4 times, most recently vs. N.E., 10-27-98)	3 @ Pitt (12-6-92) 2 @ S.F. (1-4-97) 2 vs. Cle (1993) 2 @ Chi (1987)	1.0 (7 times), most recently vs. T.B. (12-7-97)	2 vs. Cle (11-14-93)	1 (16 times)



MARK RYPIEN

QUARTERBACK • 6-4 • 225
13th Season • Washington St.
Born 10-2-62 • Spokane, WA
Acq: UFA – St. Louis (4-7-98)

Last Season

With an accomplished, winning resume that bears a **Super Bowl MVP** among his accolades, the Falcons signed experienced QB Mark Rypien to a two-year deal on April 1st. In five games with the St. Louis Rams in a reserve role, he completed 19 of 39 passes for 270 yards. In his most extensive action on the year, Mark completed an efficient 10 of 19 passes for 138 yards in place of Tony Banks who left with a concussion vs. Carolina (11/23). He filled in for an injured Banks in the second half at Green Bay (11/9) and completed nine of 18 passes for 132 yards. Rypien's other action came at Carolina (12/20) when he played in his 100th NFL game, at New Orleans (12/7), and vs. Kansas City (10/26). Mark will be reunited here in Atlanta with a pair of his former Redskin coaches in Jack Burns and Rennie Simmons.

Pro Career

Mark's pro career has been full of impressive accomplishments through the years.

- Boasts a **plus-27 TD to interception ratio** in his career with 115 TD's & 88 thefts.
- Thrown for 18,416 passing yards, completing 1,461 out of 2,604 passes for 56.1%.
- Registered a **47-31 record as a starter** and voted to **two Pro Bowls** ('89, '91).
- Amassed 13 300-yard passing games, including a **Redskins record 442-yard, 6-TD** game vs. Falcons in '91.
- **Led NFC in passing in '91** en route to earning Super Bowl XXVI MVP honors (292 yards, 2 TD's) by directing 'Skins to a dominating 17-2 overall record.
- Guided Redskins to playoffs three straight years ('90-92).
- Started the final three games of the '95 season for the Rams (in his last NFL starts), **throwing for a team-record 372** (31-55), 347 (34-50) and 320 yards.

Year-by-Year

1996: He signed with the Eagles three days after starter Rodney Peete suffered a season-ending injury on Oct. 3rd. He threw for 76 yards on 10 of 13 completion's with a TD in his only regular season action in the fourth quarter at Indianapolis. He did complete five of 12 passes for 77 yards in a playoff loss at San Francisco.

1995: Mark played in 11 games and started the final three games of the season for the Rams. His 59.4% completion percentage was a career-best and he tossed nine TD's. He directed second half comeback win over the Jets when Chris Miller was knocked out with a concussion. Rypien **broke single game pass attempts record of 53 set by Jim Hardy in '48** with his 31 of 55 day for 372 yards vs. Buffalo in a start. He turned around the next week against his former team and **completed his most passes ever with 34** out of 50 attempts for 347 yards with one TD vs. Washington. He registered his third straight 300-yard passing game for the first time in his career by completing 27 of 42 passes for 320 yards and two scores vs. Miami.

1994: He replaced an injured Vinny Testaverde and **guided the Browns to a 2-1 record in his three starts**, beating New England and Philadelphia.

1993: Rypien started 10 of 13 games in his final season in Washington. He went 22 of 34 for 161 yards and three TD's in a 35-16 rout of the defending Super Bowl champion Cowboys on Monday Night.

1992: He **led the Skins to the playoffs for third consecutive season** with 3,282 yards.

1991: Mark earned various awards including **NFC Player of the Year**, and **NFL All-Pro** in addition to **Super Bowl MVP** honors. He produced the **second-best passer rating in Washington history** and in NFL with a 97.9 mark **with a plus-17 TD to interception ratio** (28/11). In three post-season victories, he completed a torrid 44 of 79 passes for 690 yards and a 91.2 rating. He **completed 17 passes over 45 yards** and his 442 yards vs. Atlanta was second in team history to Sammy Baugh's 446.

1990: "Ryp" posted a 5-2 record in the final seven games to help 'Skins to a playoff berth after missing six weeks with a sprained right knee. He tossed four TD's on 26 of 38 for 311 yards vs. New Orleans (11/18).

1989: His **3,758 passing yards was the second best total ever in Redskins history** and only Sonny Jurgensen and Joe Theismann completed more than his 280 passes in any single season. He registered an 88.1 passer rating and **led Washington to five consecutive victories** at the end of the season.

1988: He edged out Jay Schroeder in training camp for a back-up role behind Doug Williams. When Williams was sidelined with an appendicitis for the Cardinal game, he responded by completing 26 of 41 passes for 303 yards and three scores.

1987: In the final pre-season game against the Rams, Mark injured his back and spent the first 10 weeks on injured reserve. He was activated for the Giants game (11/29) but did not see action in any game.

1986: Rypien was placed on IR for the entire season with a knee injury.

College Career

Rypien was an *Associated Press* honorable mention All-American as both a junior and senior at Washington State. A **first-team All-PAC 10** choice during his junior season, he completed 134 of 270 passes for 1,927 yards and 14 TD's. His final season he upped those marks to 159 of 273 for 2,417 yards with 14 scores. Mark **left the school with two records for most yards in a game** with 403 and **average total offense** with 441. As a freshman, he was a member of the Cougars' first Bowl team (Holiday Bowl) since the '31 Rose Bowl game.

Notebook

Mark and his wife, Annette, learned their son, Andrew, was diagnosed with a brain tumor last summer. It was removed during a 4.5 hour operation (July 31) and after waiting eight days the Rypien's found out that the tumor was cancerous. Andrew received chemotherapy treatments at the St. Louis Children's Hospital last year as Mark continued to play for the Rams. Father Mark shaved his head to show support for his son and is counting on the excellent health care that is available in Atlanta. One of the most civic-minded players in the NFL over the years, Mark **puts on a yearly golf tournament to benefit Cystic Fibrosis** and is the **national spokesperson for Spina Bifida**. He was **one of two people to be honored with the first-ever Henry P. Iba Citizen/Athletes Award** from the Rotary Club of Tulsa, OK. in May of '94 "presented to the athlete who demonstrates good citizenship and personal involvement in the community". He was given a Catholic National Figure Award by Cardinal Hickey. During his Redskin career he helped fund "Opportunity Park" in

Bowie, Md. which is the only 100% Handicapped Accessible Recreational Facility in the country. An avid golfer with a one handicap, he **became the first non-tour golfer to play on tour** when he performed **in the '92 Kemper Open** in Washington, DC. He lists winning the inaugural Celebrity Golf Championship in Lake Tahoe in '90 as one his best moments behind the Super Bowl. The **"Mark Rypien Motorsport Team"** began their first tour on the NASCAR circuit in '93 with his driver being hometown friend and NASCAR veteran Chad Little.

Personal

Mark Robert was born in Calgary, Alberta on Oct. 2, 1962. His family moved to Spokane, WA at an early age and he developed into quite an athlete. Rypien turned into **one of the nation's top 10 career passers with 6,460 passing yards, 65 touchdowns, and 423 completion's** at Shadler Park High School. He **broke all the passing records** for the city of Spokane of former Chicago Cub second baseman Ryne Sandberg. As a senior, this multi-talented performer was **voted to the all-state of Washington teams in football, basketball and baseball**. "Ryp" was named the tournament's outstanding player in guiding Shadler to the state basketball title. The Rypiens are an athletic family as **brother, Tim, played in the Toronto Blue Jays organization** after a stint on the Canadian Olympic baseball team. His other brother, Dave, performed on the national baseball team for Canada which played in the Pan-Am Games. The Rypien's also have two daughters, Ambre ((10/26/88) and Angela (10/22/90), and reside in Post Falls, Idaho.

Rypien's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yds	TD	Int.	Long	Rate
1986	Wash	Injured Reserve (knee) entire season								
1987	Wash	0/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
1988	Wash	9/6	208	114	54.8	1,730	18	13	60t	85.2
1989	Wash	14/14	476	280	58.8	3,758	22	13	80t	88.1
1990	Wash	10/10	304	166	54.6	2,070	16	11	53t	78.4
1991	Wash	16/16	421	249	59.1	3,564	28	11	82t	97.9
1992	Wash	16/16	479	269	56.2	3,282	13	17	62t	71.7
1993	Wash	12/10	319	166	56.2	1,514	4	10	43	56.3
1994	Clev	6/3	127	59	46.5	694	4	3	43	64.2
1995	St. Louis	11/3	217	129	59.4	1,448	9	8	50	77.9
1996	Phil	1/0	13	10	76.9	76	1	0	16	116.2
1997	St. Louis	5/0	39	19	48.7	270	0	2	62	50.2
NFL Totals:		**100/78**	**2,604**	**1,461**	**56.1**	**18,416**	**115**	**88**	**82t**	**79.0**
Playoffs:		**8/7**	**234**	**126**	**53.8**	**1,776**	**8**	**10**	**47**	**72.4**

Rypien's Best Games

Attempts
55 vs. Buff (12-10-95)
54 @ Dal (9-23-90)
53 @ Raid (10-29-89)
50 vs. Wash (12-17-95)
48 @ S.F. (1-12-91)
47 vs. Chi (11-26-89)
42 vs. Mia (12-24-95)
42 vs. Pho (10-8-89)
41 @ Pho (10-16-88)
40 @ S.F. (1-9-93)
40 @ K.C. (11-15-92)

Completions
34 vs. Wash (12-17-95)
31 vs. Buff (12-10-95)
30 vs. Chi (11-26-89)
27 vs. Mia (12-24-95)
27 @ S.F. (1-12-91)
27 @ Raid (10-29-89)
26 @ Dal (11-22-90)
26 vs. N.O. (11-18-90)
26 @ Pho (9-25-88)

Gross Yards
442 vs. Atl (11-10-91)
401 vs. Chi (11-26-89)
382 vs. NYG (10-2-88)
372 vs. Buff (12-10-95)
364 @ Raid (10-29-89)
361 @ S.F. (9-16-90)
349 vs. NYG (9-11-89)
347 vs. Wash (12-17-95)
333 vs. Pho (10-8-89)
325 @ Pitt (11-17-91)
320 vs. Mia (12-24-95)
311 vs. N.O. (11-18-90)
303 @ Pho (9-25-88)
303 vs. Pho (10-16-88)
302 vs. S.D. (12-10-89)

Completion Percentage
.833 (15-18) @ NYG (12-6-92)
.789 (15-19) vs. Det (9-1-91)
.786 (22-28) @ Phil (12-20-92)
.769 (10-13) vs. Ind (12-5-96)
.750 (21-28) @ Pitt (11-17-91)
.750 (21-28) vs. Mia (12-2-90)
.727 (16-22) vs. Cle (10-13-91)
.727 (16-22) @ Pho (12-3-89)
.710 (22-31) @ Sea (12-23-89)
.706 (12-17) vs. Det (9-1-91)
.700 (21-30) @ Sea (11-8-92)

Touchdowns
6 vs. Atl (11-10-91)
4 vs. N.O. (11-18-90)
4 vs. Chi (11-26-89)
4 vs. Phil (9-17-89)
4 vs. Pho (10-16-88)

Long
82t vs. Atl (11-10-91)
80t vs. Phil (9-17-89)
75 vs. Phil (9-30-91)
68 @ Atl (12-17-89)
65t vs. NYG (12-15-91)
62t @ Phil (10-18-92)
60 vs. Pho (10-16-88)

Most Interceptions
5 vs. Chi (12-9-90)
4 vs. Chi (11-13-88)

Most Times Sacked
5 @ Raid (10-29-89)

Last Season

O.J. was making weekly strides of improvement in his first season in the pro's when he was lost for the year with a broken left fibula at St. Louis (11/16). Santiago was the Falcons' starting tight end for the first 11 weeks of the season. He finished with 17 receptions for 217 yards (12.8 avg.) with two TD's. He was **second only to #1 pick Freddie Jones of the Chargers in catches and TD's at the time of his injury** ahead of a talented group of tight ends in the NFL, including Tony Gonzalez (#1 Chiefs), John Allred (#2 Bears), David LaFleur (#1 Cowboys), and Greg Clark (#3 49ers). In his first ever start at Detroit (8/31) he began the season with a solid performance in the blocking game and added two catches for 47 yards. O.J. was named player of the game by the coaches for his performance vs. Oakland (9/14) when he hauled in a career-best five passes for 40 yards, including his first career touchdown (10 yards). Santiago broke free in the secondary to record **long catches of 30, 26, 20, 16, 15, 13, and 11 yards** on the year. In just 11 games, he still posted the most catches by a Falcon tight end since Gary Wilkins had 12 in '90. O.J. **earned an opening day start** by leading the Falcons in catches and touchdowns with two in the preseason.

College Career

Santiago caught 62 passes for 730 yards for an 11.8 career average with four touchdowns for the Golden Flashes of Kent State. O.J. tied for team honors as a junior when he hauled in 28 receptions and combined with his 26 catches as senior totaled 54 in his final two seasons. (He missed two games his last year with an ankle injury.) Santiago **opened up holes for the #2 ranked offense in the Mid American Conference in '96** so running back Astron Whatley could post two 1,000-yard rushing seasons and 3,113 rushing yards in three seasons. In addition, his sturdy blocks enabled Whatley to gain 15 100-yard rushing games in three years and earn MAC freshman-of-the-year honors in '94. He showcased his talent by **dominating heralded DE Jason Taylor of Akron and future Dolphins draft choice** in a 32-17 upset his senior season. He started every game and tied Kantroy Walker for the team lead in the receiving department with a personal-best 29 catches for 297 yards, a 10.6 average, with two TD's. O.J. started 22 of 33 career games at Kent State and was **named to the MAC All-Academic first team** for three straight seasons for his exploits in the classroom.

Notebook

O.J.'s introduction into the sport of football started late. As a 6-5, 218 pounder, he decided not to play football until grade 12 in Canada (which would be his junior season in high school in the U.S.). He was "recruited" by the football coach who saw him tower over the other students walking down the hall in between classes one day. He had just transferred to St. Michael's High School because of their strong basketball tradition. *"The next day I had two touchdown catches in a scrimmage and I guess I was hooked,"* he said. Santiago became the **first tight end ever drafted out of Kent State** and the **highest player taken from the school since Jack Lambert and Gerald Tinker (by Atlanta) in '74**. He showed he was going to be something special in his first collegiate game vs. Kentucky by grabbing a 20-yard pass for his first reception. Proving to be a player his teammates could count on, he hauled in four passes for 44 yards in his first start against Bowling Green. O.J. possesses a dogged determination and inherent mean streak which was noticed by Falcon coaches early and then opponents each week. The physically imposing 6-7, 267 pounder now is part of the new wave of tall, athletic tight ends that came out of the class of '97. When veteran 49ers safety Tim McDonald caught a glimpse of Santiago up close for the first time at San

Francisco (9/21) during warm-ups he was impressed. *"What did they do, hijack the Golden State Warriors team bus or something?"* Seven-year pro Eric Turner of the Raiders noticed last year...*"For a guy that big, he's very fluid. If you let him get an easy release (off the line) it's going to be a problem because then he's just a huge target running unchecked through the secondary. Sort of like a runaway giraffe."* This so-called runaway giraffe has **9% body fat** and a **vertical leap of 38 inches**. O.J. worked so hard to rehabilitate his broken leg that he was well enough to play some games in his favorite other sport on the Falcons' off-season basketball team. By playing some basketball at Kent, he joined a list of current tight ends with hardwood experience such as Gonzalez (power forward for Sweet 16 California team), Rickey Dudley (Ohio State), and Ben Coates (Livingstone College).

Personal

Otis Jason was an all-Canadian first-team tight end at St. Michael's High School in Toronto. Santiago led his school to two district titles while being selected to the *Toronto Star* and *Toronto Sun* all-star teams. A versatile athlete, he **returned kickoffs and punts** as well as playing both ways as a defensive lineman (Defensive MVP honors at the Metro Bowl) and tight end O.J. was an **All-Academic choice three times** and was a **GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District first-team member**. He walked away with the **prestigious Arthur Ashe Award** by Black Issues in Higher Education. His **older brother was a 100 and 200 meter champion in Canada** and a **younger sister won a junior national championship in the pentathlon.** Santiago guided St. Michael's to a pair of district championships in basketball. In track, he threw the shot put and discus. One of three children of Marion and Winston (a draftsman) of Whitby, Ontario, he was a business administration major at Kent and is a big fan of the Toronto Raptors.

Santiago's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	SpTm
1997	Atl	11/11	17	217	12.8	30	2	1
Totals:		**11/11**	**17**	**217**	**12.8**	**30**	**2**	**1**

Santiago's Best Games

Receptions	Yards	Long	TD's
5 vs. Oak (9-14-97)	47 @ Det (8-31-97)	30 @ Det (8-31-97)	1 vs. S.F. (10-19-97)
2 vs. S.F. (10-19-97)	40 vs. Oak (9-14-97)	26 vs. Car (9-7-97)	1 vs. Oak (9-14-97)
2 vs. Den (9-28-97)	27 @ S.F. (9-21-97)	20 vs. StL (11-2-97)	
2 @ S.F. (9-21-97)	26 vs. Car (9-7-97)	17 @ Det (8-31-97)	
2 @ Det (8-31-97)	22 vs. Den (9-28-97)	16 @ S.F. (9-21-97)	

Last Season

Craig proved to be a valuable special teams player and capable reserve linebacker in '97. Sauer played in all 16 games and received his second NFL start vs. New Orleans (11/23). He ended up with six special teams tackles, tied for fourth on team, and seven stops on the defensive side. He recovered his first fumble of his career vs. Carolina (9/7) on a muffed punt return. He registered two special teams tackles at Arizona for his best individual performance. Craig recorded three tackles and a QB pressure in the start against the Saints.

He also added a pair of tackles as a reserve linebacker at Seattle (11/30).

Pro Career

Sauer has **played in every game in his Falcon career** over the past two seasons to run his total to 32 straight. As a rookie in '96, he was provided an opportunity at left linebacker in the last four contests and totaled 14 tackles. This special teams leader amassed 21 tackles which were second-best on the club, just one off the lead. Sauer registered a-then personal-best four each vs. the Rams and Jaguars (in his first NFL start). His best overall game as a pro came at New Orleans when he recorded three stops on defense and a **career-high five special teams stops.** Sauer's two-year career highlights also include a forced fumble from Eddie Kennison of the Rams during his rookie campaign to stop a St. Louis scoring drive at the Falcons' seven-yard line.

College Career

Craig was the **team captain** and **leading tackler for the Golden Gophers** of Minnesota in '95, totaling 76 tackles with 55 solo stops. He captured the school's **prestigious Carl Eller Award** as the team's top defensive player as a junior. The overall college numbers for this three-year starter read 239 tackles, 27 tackles for 113 yards in losses, four fumble recoveries, three INT's, a pair of forced fumbles, and seven sacks. He was named an All-Big Ten choice with a career-high 95 tackles as a junior in '94.

Notebook

Craig hails from an athletic family that boasts a **father who played for the Minnesota Twins organization and a brother who is playing in a junior hockey league.** Kent Sauer is on the NHL's list as a ranked player. A true 'student-athlete', Craig was an **academic All-Big Ten choice** at the University of Minnesota. He **boasted a solid 3.3 GPA as a Scholar-Athlete Award winner** in earning a degree in business. His **first college quarterback coach was former Seattle Seahawk star Jim Zorn.** Craig will be able to visit with Zorn this season because he's the new QB coach of the Detroit Lions. Before being switched to linebacker, Sauer made one call from his quarterback position as a sophomore vs. Colorado.

Personal

At Sartell (Minn) High School, Craig was an All-America safety and quarterback. He completed 158 passes for 2,134 yards with 21 passing TD's. As a senior, he registered 64 tackles, rushed for 590 yards, and returned 16 punts for 325 yards with a pair of TD's. A **National Honor Society member**, he also **earned three letters in basketball.** Craig has five brothers and sisters. His mother, Peggy, is an anesthetist, and his father, Curt, works in construction. He has **aspirations to become a stockbroker** or work in commercial real estate after football. He married the former Shari Dold last June.

Sauer's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	INT's	Yds	TD	Sacks	PR	FF	FR	SpTm
1996	Atl	16/1	14	7	0	0	0	0.0	2	1	0	21
1997	Atl	16/1	7	7	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	6
Totals:		**32/2**	**21**	**14**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**27**

Sauer's Best Games

Tackles	Special Teams Tackles	Forced Fumbles	Fumble Recoveries
4 @ Jax (12-22-96)	5 @ N.O. (12-8-96)	1 vs. StL (12-15-96)	1 vs. Car (9-7-97)
4 vs. StL (12-15-96)	2 vs. N.O. (11-17-96)		
3 vs. N.O. (11-23-97)	2 vs. Car (11-3-96)		
3 @ N.O. (12-8-96)	2 vs. Minn (9-8-96)		

BRIAN SAXTON

TIGHT END • 6-6 • 265
3rd Season • Boston College
Born 3-13-72 • Whippany, N.J.
Acq: FA – (12-2-97)

Last Season

Brian was added to the Falcons' roster on Dec. 3 prior to the San Diego game. Saxton performed as a reserve tight end and special teams player in the final three games of the season. He competed for a position in the New York Giants training camp before being released on the final cutdown at the end of August.

Pro Career

Saxton's NFL career began in New York as an undrafted free agent in '95. He was released on the last cut but was re-signed to the team's practice squad where he remained for the rest of the '95 season. After a strong preseason showing in '96 (14-yard TD), Brian made the Giants' regular roster in '96. He played in all 16 games that season and worked his way into the lineup for two starts. Saxton hauled in four passes for 31 yards and as an up-man on kickoffs returned four kicks for 31 yards. He took over after an injury to starter Aaron Pierce at the H-back position on the third play of the game vs. Arizona (11/3). When New York opened with an H-back at Carolina (11/10) the next week, made his first NFL start. He registered his first NFL reception with a nine-yard catch to keep a scoring drive alive the following week at Arizona (11/17). Brian was used as a blocker out of the backfield in the third and fourth quarters when Charles Way was forced to leave the game vs. Dallas (11/24). In the season finale vs. New England (12/21) he made his second career start at H-back.

College/Notebook

This huge drive blocker logged plenty of time at Boston College under former NFL head coach Dan Henning. He appeared in 11 games and when he wasn't blocking, he slipped out in the open to catch eight passes for 83 yards. As a **pitcher for the Eagles**, he **once threw one inning against the Boston Red Sox in an exhibition** his last season on the mound. Paul Brian Saxton was born on March 13, 1972. He was an all-conference and All-Morriss County product his final two seasons at Whippany Park (NJ) High School. Saxton was captain of the football, baseball, and basketball teams. This hard-throwing pitcher also holds numerous school records as well as a **school mark for rebounds in a game with 29**. He earned his bachelor's degree in marketing and his **Master's in human development**.

Saxton's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	SpTm
1996	NYG	16/2	4	31	7.8	14	0	0
1997	Atl	3/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
Totals:		**19/2**	**4**	**31**	**7/8**	**14**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics 1996: 3 kickoff returns for 31 yards

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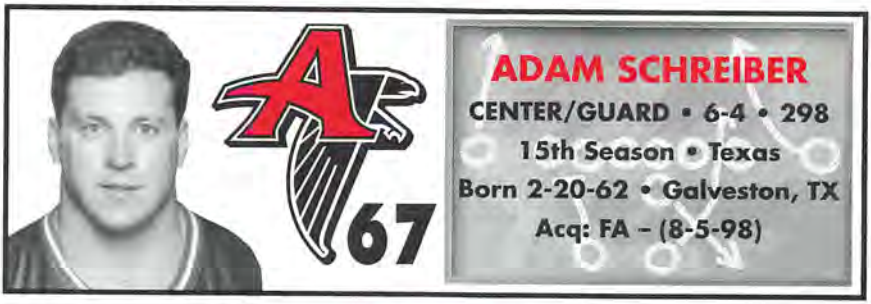

Last Season

Adam was a training camp addition to the Falcons roster and went on to perform the snapping duties in all 16 games as well as subbing for center Calvin Collins on occasion. Because of some snapping difficulties suffered in the club's first preseason game at Detroit (8/1), Schreiber was signed to add stability to the crucial position. His accurate snaps helped K Morten Andersen hit 23 of 27 field goals and every extra point (35-35). His consistent snaps also allowed P Dan Stryzinski to lead the NFL in fair catches forced with 45. The Falcons were the best in the League in covering punts (just 2.6 yards per return) and second-best in covering kickoffs (start at only 23-yard line) with Adam's presence on special teams. The units were also ranked the 4th-best in the NFL by the annual ratings compiled by *Dallas Morning News*.

Pro Career

This 14-year NFL veteran has **performed now in 182 games** since breaking in with the Seahawks in '84. Originally a ninth round draft choice by Seattle, he's put on a uniform for the Seahawks, Saints, Eagles, Jets, Vikings, Giants and Falcons. Adam has filled in at center and guard to collect 33 starts in addition to his snapping responsibilities during his tenure in the League. He **handled all of the snapping duties for Coach Reeves during the '94, '95 and '96 seasons** in New York. The most starts he has totaled in his career was 16 at center for the Vikings in '93. In '87, he was the Eagles' starting left guard for all 12 non-strike games. He played in all 16 games for the first time in his career in Minnesota in '90. In '89, he was primarily a back-up at all of the line positions through 15 games with the Jets.

College/Notebook

Schreiber captured four letters for the Longhorns of Texas. He settled in as the starter as a junior and was in the lineup his final two seasons at guard. His versatile career in Austin included stints at guard, tackle, and center in college. Adam was an all-state selection and honorable mention All-America on the offensive line at S.R. Butler High School in Huntsville, AL. He's been a serious member of the community in his time in the League through his work with Easter Seals, National Paralysis Foundation, Special Olympics, United Negro College Fund, and Youth Advocacy Program of Austin. Adam's pro career has included receiving **a pair of game balls for his play with the Giants in '94** and the **Eagles in '87**, a rare feat for an offensive lineman. He was featured in a *GameDay* program and in a team newspaper article as well as featured on the Dan Reeves show, explaining the intricacies of the "art of snapping".

Schreiber's Career Games Played/Started

Career Totals: 182/33
Regular Season: 1984 (Seattle 6/0), 1985 (New Orleans 1/0), 1986 (Philadelphia 9/0), 1987 (Philadelphia 12/12/), 1988 (N.Y. Jets 13/0), 1989 (N.Y. Jets 15/0), 1990 (Minnesota 16/0), 1991 (Minnesota 15/0), 1992 ((Minnesota 16/1), 1993 (Minnesota 16/16), 1994 (16/2), 1995 (16/0), 1996 (15/2), 1997 (Atlanta 16/0)

CHUCK SMITH

DEFENSIVE END • 6-2 • 262
7th Season • Tennessee
Born 12-21-69 • Athens, GA
Acq: D2 – '92 (51st)

Last Season

Chuck established himself as one of the premier pass rushers as well as complete defensive players in the NFL in '97. Smith's stellar play was one of the main reasons for the Falcons' overall defensive improvement last year from 27th (in '96) to 20th, the best overall mark since '90.

NFL's Top Sack Leaders of 1997

1. 15.5 ..... John Randle, Minn
2. 15.0 ..... Dana Stubblefield, S.F.
3. 14.0 ..... Bruce Smith, Buff
4. 14.0 ..... Michael Strahan, NYG
5. 12.5 ..... Robert Porcher, Det
6. **12.0 ..... Chuck Smith, Atl**
7. 12.0 ..... Chris Doleman, S.F.
8. 12.0 ..... Michael Sinclair, Sea
9. 11.5 ..... Peter Boulware, Balt
10. 11.0 ..... Reggie White, G.B.

Δ Finished **tied for 6th in the NFL in QB sacks with a career-high 12**, 4th-best ever in team history, as club established a new team-record and finished #2 in NFL with 55.

Δ **Tied a club record with 5 QB sacks at New Orleans** (10/12), going against All-Pro Willie Roaf, to become only the 9th player in NFL history to record 5 in a single game. *It was the most in a game since Derrick Thomas of Chiefs set the mark with 7 in '90.*

Δ Named NFL **national *Miller Lite* Player of the Week** for his heroics which helped the Falcons set a new team record with 10 sacks on the day. His **winning performance also included 3 forced fumbles and a personal-best 14 tackles**.

Δ Teamed with Travis Hall to **form the 4th-best sacking duo in the League** with a combined 22.5.

Δ Posted season career-highs in tackles with 94 (6th-best on team), QB pressures with a team-leading 49 and forced fumbles with 4 (second on team).

Δ Under Rich Brook's grading system with points for all categories, Smith was **at the top of the list with 404.5 points** (71 points ahead of closest player).

Δ With his help, Falcons defense was one of the best at stopping the run as they finished #8 overall in League in rush defense (only 104 per game) while holding 8 of 16 opponents to 100 yards or less, including Barry Sanders and Terrell Davis.

Δ Recorded 5 or more tackles in a consistent 11 out of 16 games.

Falcons All-Time Sack Leaders

1. 62.5 ..... Claude Humphrey, 1968-78
2. **40.0 ..... Chuck Smith, 1992-97**
3. 38.5 ..... Don Smith, 1979-84
4. 38.0 ..... John Zook, 1969-75

Δ Earned **All-NFC honors** by *Pro Football Weekly* and All-NFL accolades by *Football Digest* was called *"the player robbed most glaringly in Pro Bowl voting"* by *Sports Illustrated's* Peter King.

Pro Career

Smith has produced an eye-opening 173 tackles, 18 QB sacks and 97 QB pressures over the last two seasons. His **40 career QB sacks are the second-most in club history** and his 34.5 as a starter over the last four years is the 15th-most. Here's a look at his yearly highlights.

√ Set a then-career-high with 79 tackles, while leading the defense in QB pressures with 48 in '96. His 6 QB sacks were tied for second-best on the team. Smith sacked QB Kerry Collins of the Panthers twice and recorded nine tackles along with tying a personal-best with six QB pressures.

√ Battled back from major reconstructive knee surgery in '95 to register a solid 73 tackles, 34 QB pressures, 4 forced fumbles to help birds return to playoffs for first time since '91.

√ Finished **7th in NFL with 11 QB sacks** (two others nullified by penalty) in '94. His totals also included **leading the club in FIVE total categories** with 32 QB pressures, 4 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries, and 6 batted balls. He also **became the first Falcon defender to record double digits in sacks since Al Richardson's 10.5 in '81**. His 3 sacks of Eagles QB Randall Cunningham for minus 28 yards was his best sack total in a single game until '97.

√ In a reserve role his first two seasons he still managed 5.5 sacks and three fumble recoveries.

NFL's Top Sack Duos in 1997

1. 27.0 ..... Dana Stubblefield (15.0)/Chris Doleman (12.0), 49ers
2. 24.0 ..... Michael Strahan (14.0)/Raymont Harris (10.0), Giants
3. 23.5 ..... Bruce Smith (14.0)/Bryce Paup (9.5), Bills
4. **22.5 ..... Chuck Smith (12.0)/Travis Hall (10.5), Falcons**

Top Sack Duos in Falcons History

1. 24.0 ..... Joel Williams (16.0)/Jeff Merrow (8.0), 1980
2. **22.5 ..... Chuck Smith (12.0)/Travis Hall (10.5), 1997**
3. 22.0 ..... Claude Humphrey (15.0)/Jeff Merrow (7.0), 1976

College Career

Chuck was the second Tennessee defensive player (Chris Mims the other) off its '92 squad to get drafted in the first two rounds. The All-SEC defensive end totaled 111 tackles, 13.5 QB sacks, 19 tackles for losses, and 23.5 batted balls during his two-year stay in Knoxville. He transferred to Tennessee after two years at Northwestern Oklahoma A&M, where he collected over 120 tackles in leading his club to a Top Ten ranking and nine wins each season. Chuck capped off his career by adding 3 sacks in the Senior Bowl.

Notebook

Chuck continued to add to his off the field resume by becoming a sports reporter for one of top morning shows in Atlanta on popular hip-hop station Hot 97.5 FM (WHTA). The self-proclaimed "Hip-Hop Jock" of the airwaves interviewed national sports stars like Deion Sanders and Scottie Pippen during the off-season. This latest journalistic venture follows up an internship he performed last year at local ABC affiliate WSB-TV. Smith got started in the medium in college as he labored on the school's TV station as well playing host on his own radio show. This off-season he traveled to Washington, D.C. to pick-up the **Falcons' "Unsung Hero" award for '97**. Chuck believes in giving back to the community. Under the umbrella of "Chuck Smith Delivers", he passed out toys to underprivileged kids in the Athens, Ga. area during the holidays. His "Celebrity Birthday Party" also collected toys for

the "Make A Wish Foundation". Smith also showed his giving side by distributing 60 turkeys at Thanksgiving to feed the homeless of Athens. A charity basketball game he organized, featuring NFL stars, benefited the local Boys & Girls Club. Chuck is a big proponent of buying Falcons tickets and giving them to needy groups. He's taking classes in the offseason at Georgia State University in order to meet the requirements for his degree in Communications. A NFL history buff, Smith has a **vast video library of over 30 tapes in his home** of some of the League's best sack artists. He constantly reviews tapes of a Reggie White, Lawrence Taylor, or Bruce Smith to try to get any advantage he can over an offensive lineman. As young player, Chuck used to pick the brains of older veterans Jumpy Geathers, Pierce Holt, and Chris Doleman about hand placement, leverage, and counter-moves. He remembers watching old highlights on television of players like Dick Butkus and Wilber Marshall and admiring their relentless tenacity. *"I love to hit people. I love to chase people. I love to dive into piles and all that stuff,"* said Smith who leads the team each year in displaying his trademark intensity on game day.

Falcons Single Season Sack Leaders

1. 16.0 ..... Joel Williams, 1980
2. 15.0 ..... Claude Humphrey, 1976
3. 12.5 ..... Claude Humphrey, 1974
4. **12.0 ..... Chuck Smith, 1997**
   12.0 ..... Claude Humphrey, 1971
6. **11.0 ..... Chuck Smith, 1994**

Personal

Chuck **led Athens' Clarke Central H.S.** to new heights by **capturing 19 consecutive games** over his final two years. His junior season saw him boast a **perfect 15-0 and #2 national ranking en route to a 4A state title in '85**. As a senior, his team won 14 straight before slipping in the state championship game. This all-around athlete was a **catcher on the baseball team** and a **200-meter sprinter in track**. Charles Henry III was born in Athens, Ga. and grew up a huge Falcons fan. He used to wait outside old Fulton County Stadium as a 12 year-old to catch a glimpse of his favorite players and get autographs. He pays tribute to his favorite pass rushers and players by **mounting framed jersey's on his wall** at his home. He added a Jessie Tuggle jersey to his new wall this season which also includes such players as Reggie White and Richard Dent. Smith will be able to perfect his lifelong hobby of fishing at his recently purchased home on the banks of Lake Lanier.

Smith's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	Sacks	Press.	FF	FR	INT	YDS	LG	TD's
1992	Atl	16/0	30	13	2.0	16	0	1	0	0	0	0
1993	Atl	15/0	30	16	3.5	27	4	2	0	0	0	0
1994	Atl	15/10	45	33	11.0	32	4	2	1	38	38t	1
1995	Atl	14/14	73	44	5.5	34	4	2	0	0	0	0
1996	Atl	15/15	79	38	6.0	48	0	1	1	0	0	0
1997	Atl	16/15	94	68	12.0	49	4	0	1	4	4	0
Totals:		**91/54**	**351**	**212**	**40.0**	**206**	**16**	**8**	**3**	**63**	**38t**	**1**

Smith's Best Games

Sacks	Tackles	QB Pressures	Interceptions	FF's
5 @ N.O. (10-12-97)	14 @ N.O. (10-12-97)	6 vs. S.F. (10-19-97)	1 @ Ariz (12-21-97)	3 @ N.O. (10-12-97)
3 vs. Phil (11-27-94)	11 vs. NE (10-1-95)	6 @ Det (10-6-96)	1 vs. S.F. (12-2-96)	1 (13 times)
2 @ Car (9-1-96)	10 @ SF (12-4-94)	6 @ Car (9-1-96)	1 @ S.F. (12-4-94)	
2 vs. Jets (9-24-95)	9 @ Car (9-1-96)	6 @ NO (9-17-95)		
2 @ S.F. (12-4-94)	9 @ Ariz (11-26-95)	5 (5 times)		
2 @ Rams (12-27-92				

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ED SMITH

TIGHT END • 6-4 • 253
2nd Season • No College
Born 6-5-69 • Trenton, NJ
Acq: UFA – (3-3-97)

Last Season

Ed's dream to become a pro athlete was realized on Nov. 23rd against New Orleans when he was activated off the practice squad. He spent the last two football seasons on the practice squad for the Rams and Redskins and before that played nine seasons of minor league baseball. The game was also significant because he faced his younger brother, Irv, the Saints' starting tight end, and their parents were in attendance in Atlanta. Smith went on to play in a total of five games at the end of the year.

Pro Career

Smith was signed as a free agent by the Rams on July 9, 1996 after giving up a baseball career. He was released at the end of training camp but was signed to the Redskins' practice squad on October 16 where he remained for the rest of the season. His pro career was jump started through NFL Europe in the spring of '96. Ed caught three touchdowns and a total of six passes for 36 yards with the Frankfurt Galazy. He missed three games with a knee injury.

Notebook/Personal

He turned down a football and baseball scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina and instead signed a minor league baseball contract with the Chicago White Sox out of high school. Smith was a 7th round draft choice of the Sox in '87 and played seven seasons in the minors with three different teams, including an assignment with the AAA Cleveland Indians club, the Buffalo Bisons in '95. He led the Orlando Cubs of the Southern League in homers with 16 and RBI with 60 in '94. With the White Sox in South Bend of the Class A Midwest League in '88, Ed led the league in every fielding category as a third baseman. Edward Martin was a football and baseball star at Pemberton (NJ)H.S. as the "Athlete of the Year" in '87 from the tri-state area of Delaware, Pennsylvania and N.J.

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DAN STRYZINSKI

PUNTER • 6-2 • 200
9th Season • Indiana
Born 5-15-65 • Vincennes, IN
Acq: UFA – Tampa Bay (2-20-95)

Last Season

Dan's stellar season included **leading the NFL in fair catches forced for the fifth time in the 90's** with a **personal-best 45** (18 ahead of next best). Stryzinski's high angling kicks were an effective weapon as only 21 of his 89 punts were returned for just an NFL-low 55 yards, besting his 18 allowed for 94 yards with the Buccaneers in '94. That figures out to a remarkable 2.6 per punt return average, tops in the NFL. His net punting average of 36.7 was 3rd-best in the NFC and the 9th-best mark in the League. On the heels on his booming kicks permit tight coverage on special teams, the Falcons allowed just two returns for POSITIVE yardage in the final 12 games of the year. Dan's 89 punts for 3,498 yards were the second-most in a season in both categories for his career. Stryzinski was twice singled out by the coaches as special teams player of the game vs. Denver (7-297-5 FC's) and S.F. (5-229-41.8 net-4 FC's-0 return yards). He also had 20 punts inside the 20 and only 9 touchbacks.

Pro Career

Dan has a **streak of 356 punts over the last 73 games without a block** (10/13/93 vs. Falcons was his last) and has just 1 block in the last five years, covering 465 punts and 95 games. Against the Bucs (11/9) last season, he had a punt of 18 yards that was tipped but not considered a block (it went beyond the line of scrimmage). Dan has been the NFL leader in forcing fair catches in '90, '91, '92, '94 and '97. He has dropped at least 20 punts inside the opposition's 20-yard line for the last five straight seasons. In '94, he led the NFL in fewest punt returns allowed (18), fewest yards (with only 94), and lowest punt return average (5.4). Stryzinski was released by New Orleans, Indianapolis and the Cleveland Browns before landing a permanent job in Pittsburgh in '90.

Year-by-Year

1996: Stryzinski broke his personal-best for gross punting average by almost an entire yard with a 42.0 mark. He ranked second in the League in fair catches with 25 and was second in fewest touchbacks with just four.

Most Fair Catches Forced, 1997

1. Dan Stryzinski	**45**
2. Jeff Feagles	27
3. Brad Maynard	27
4. Leo Araguz	26
5. Ken Walter	25

1995: Dan enjoyed his second best season ever in terms of gross average with a mark of 41.2. Stryzinski also ranked 11th in the NFL in lowest net average at 36.2 per game, 4th in the NFL for fewest touchbacks with five, and 10th in fewest returns with only 28. He also had a career long kick of 64 yards at Buffalo.

1994: He **led the NFL in fewest punt returns allowed with 18** and for the fewest yards with only 94. He set a Tampa Bay record for forced fair catches with 42 while boasting the lowest punt return average at 5.4.

1993: He posted the third highest mark in the NFL with his 23 forced fair catches. He dropped 24 punts inside the 20-yard line, with only three touchbacks and had a gross average of 40.6 and a net of 35.3. Dan established a personal high with 10 punts at Green Bay, downing three inside the 20.

1992: Once again, he was the **League leader in forcing fair catches** (tying Rick Tuten of Seattle) for the third time in his career with 26. With his high, booming kicks, he set a Buccaneers record for net average with a 36.2 mark, tying for fourth in the NFC. His foot also enabled the Bucs to allow a NFL-low 117 punt return yards as just 22 of his 74 punts were returnable.

1991: The eighth best punter in the NFL boasted a net average of 36.4 yards for the Steelers. Of course, he was **tops in the NFL** in the fair catch department forcing 27. His last season in Pittsburgh included a 63-yard boot at Denver.

1990: In his first season with the Steelers, he was **atop the League charts** for the first time in forcing fair catches with 32. He also paced the NFL in percentage of punts fair caught at 49% and registered a League-low 16 punts returned. In two games, he placed three punts each inside his opponents' 20-yard line.

Notebook

For the third straight season, Dan will again proudly **donate $100 for every fair catch forced** to the Gwinnett County Children's Shelter in his "Kicks For Kids" program. (Last year *UPS* and *Motorola* matched his gift of $4,500.) This community giver also supports the shelter's new "Safe Place" program, a service for runaway and troubled youth needing a safe haven. He and his wife Angie used to drive to local Harley-Davidson events on their '93 Wide Glide motorcycles and even traveled to Daytona Beach in '95 for Bike Week (a gathering of Harley-Davidson owners from around the world). But he recently sold his Harley's and now rides a Honda CBR 1100 that he tools around town. Dan goes by the

moniker of, "The Hangman", because of his towering, booming punts which are virtually unreturnable. Dan formed a 'dynamic kicking duo' with University of Indiana kicker Pete Stoyanovich in college from '85-88. A public finance and economics degree holder was laying the groundwork for life after football when he served an internship with a brokerage firm in Buckhead (downtown Atlanta) last off-season.

Personal

Daniel Thomas played four positions for Lincoln High in Vincennes, IN., which included quarterback, defensive back, wide receiver, and, of course, punter. The athletic Stryzinski led the school's basketball team in scoring and rebounding as a forward. Dan was a freshman walk-on for the Hoosiers but left as a two-time All-Big 10 selection and school record holder with a 40.6 average. This native of Indianapolis helped Indiana edge powerhouses Michigan and Ohio State on the way to playing in the Peach Bowl in Atlanta. Dan and his wife have two sons, Daniel, Jr. (8) and Eric (6).

Stryzinski's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yds.	Gross	Net	TB	In20	LG	Blkd	FC
1990	Pitt	16/0	65	2,454	37.8	34.1	5	18	51	1	32
1991	Pitt	16/0	74	2,996	40.5	36.3	3	10	63	1	27
1992	T.B.	16/0	74	3,015	40.7	36.2	11	15	57	0	26
1993	T.B.	16/0	93	3,772	40.6	35.3	3	24	57	1	23
1994	T.B.	16/0	72	2,800	38.9	35.9	6	20	53	0	42
1995	Atl	16/0	67	2,759	41.2	36.2	5	21	64	0	21
1996	Atl	16/0	75	3,152	42.0	35.5	4	22	58	0	25
1997	Atl	16/0	89	3,498	39.3	36.7	9	20	57	0	45
Totals:		**128/0**	**609**	**24,446**	**40.1**	**36.5**	**46**	**150**	**64**	**3**	**241**

Stryzinski's Best Games

Most Punts in Game	Longest Punt	Punts Inside 20
10 @ GB, (11-28-93)	64 yards @ Buff (11-12-95)	3 @ GB (11-18-93)
9 @ S.F. (9-21-97)	63 yards @ Den (11-3-91)	vs. Clev (12/23/90), vs. Atl (11/4/90)

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EDDIE SUTTER

LINEBACKER • 6-3 • 239
7th Season • Northwestern
Born 10-3-69 • Peoria, IL
Acq: FA – (8-26-97)

Last Season

Eddie was a standout on special teams for the Falcons in his first season and played a reserve linebackers role. Sutter ended up third on the special teams units in tackles with nine. He was singled out by the coaches as the special teams player of the game for his big hits against Philadelphia (12/14). He collared two special teams stops at San Diego (12/7) and at St. Louis (11/16) and one each at Detroit (8/31), vs. Denver (9/28), New Orleans (11/23), and at Seattle (12/7).

Pro Career

Sutter is a veteran of 79 games in his pro career which started with the Cleveland Browns in '92. As a rookie free agent of the Vikings, he was released on the final cut but signed to the Browns' practice squad. He was activated to the regular roster for one game but was inactive. The following season he was signed by the Patriots but waived on the last cut again. Cleveland claimed him and Eddie went on to play in 15 games and **lead the Browns with 19 special teams tackles**. He tied Bennie Thompson for the team's top spot in that

category in '94 with 21 tackles. Sutter topped Cleveland's special teams charts in '95 along with Louis Riddick with another 21 stops. He established his career-best with five special teams tackles, including four solo stops, vs. Cincinnati. In '96, he started four of the last six games at linebacker for the Ravens for an injured Ray Lewis, including an 11-tackle performance at Carolina and a 10-tackle day at Cincy. He tied for the third spot on the team with 11 special teams stops.

College Career

This four-year starter at Northwestern left the school with an impressive 441 career tackles, the **second-best total ever in Wildcat history**. Eddie was named the Big 10 Freshman of the Year in '88.

Notebook/Personal

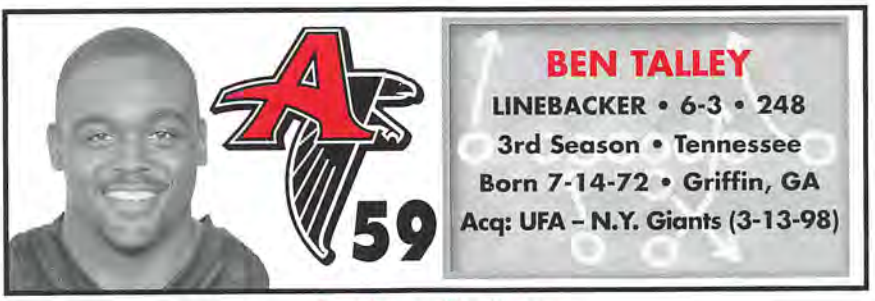
An all-around athlete, Sutter's exploits in college included averaging 40.2 yards as the team's punter. Edward Lee hails from Peoria, Il. His brother, Dan, was a linebacker on Northwestern's '95 Rose Bowl team. His father (Ken) played for Illinois. At Richwoods High School, he was afforded second-team All-America honors by *USA Today*. Eddie was also named to the all-conference teams in basketball and baseball.

Sutter's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	Sacks	INT's	PD	TD	FF	FR	SpTm
1993	Clev	15/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	19
1994	Clev	16/0	3	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	21
1995	Clev	16/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	21
1996	Balt	16/4	46	25	0.0	0	2	0	1	0	11
1997	Atl	16/0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Totals:		**79/4**	**50**	**28**	**0.0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**81**

Sutter's Best Games

Tackles	Solo Tackles	Fumble Recoveries	Special Teams Tackles
11 @ Car (12-15-96)	7 @ Cin (12-8-96)	1 @ S.F. (11-17-96)	5 @ Cin (10-29-95)
10 @ Cin (12-8-96)	6 @ Car (12-15-96)		4 @ N.E. (9-3-95)
8 @ S.F. (11-17-96)	3 @ S.F. (11-17-96)		



Last Season/Pro Career

The hard-working Talley will be trying to make a comeback in Atlanta after tearing ligaments in his left knee during the New York Giants' first training camp practice in '96. He underwent corrective surgery on July 30 and was lost for the season. He battled back from the knee injury and competed for a position in the Giants' '97 training camp but was released. Ben was originally a fourth round (133rd overall) pick of the Giants in '95. He made the team and performed on special teams in four games as a rookie.

College Career

An **All-SEC choice** for the Volunteers of Tennessee, Talley played in 46 games and made 263 tackles. He also recorded 25 tackles for losses and 10.5 QB sacks, while breaking up 55 passes, forcing seven fumbles, and stealing three passes during his career in Knoxville. To utilize his talents, the Tennessee coaching staff used him as a linebacker/defensive end as a senior. Ben was afforded second-team All-SEC accolades as a junior for coming up with

a **team-leading 87 tackles**, 56 solos, four sacks and seven stops for losses. He made a name for himself as an impact player as a sophomore with a team leading 85 tackles.

Notebook/Personal

Benjamin Jermaine hails from the "Peach State" and the same Griffin High School that produced current linebacker teammate Jessie Tuggle. He excelled at Griffin, earning Class 4A all-state first-team honors as a senior defensive tackle, on an 11-3 state qualifier. This senior team captain was rated 36th out of top 100 players by the Atlanta papers. Talley displayed his athleticism by starting three years at tight end in addition to starting for two-years on the defensive line. As a member of the school's track team, he finished in third place in the state shot put finals with a heave of 54'0" and was fourth in the discus as a junior. He makes his **off-season home in Griffin** and would like to open a soul food restaurant there when his playing days are over. He lists tennis, raquetball, and volleyball as his hobbies.

Last Season

Robert's 4th season started slowly when a fractured left thumb in the first preseason game at Detroit (8/1) forced him out of the remaining three preseason games. In the season opener at Detroit (8/31), he returned to play a reserve role at left guard. Tobeck worked his way back as a starter at that position for the final 15 games. His blocks enabled the Falcons to finish as the sixth-best team in the League in controlling the clock and held a time of possession advantage over their opponent in 10 out of 16 games. He was partly responsible for QB Chris Chandler registering the second-best QB rating in the NFL while completing 59.1% of his passes en route to his first Pro Bowl appearance. Robert paved the way for Jamal Anderson's 1,052 yards, including two 150+ yard games, and Byron Hanspard's record breaking long run of 77 yards with additional scampers of 57 and 53 yards. Tobeck was in the lineup as the Falcons amassed season-highs of 462 total yards vs. St. Louis (11/2), 386 vs. Philly (12/14), 366 vs. Oakland (9/14) and 356 at Arizona (12/21). For the seventh straight season, the birds scored over 300 points in the '90's for an average of 20 per game.

Pro Career

Tobeck has been **a Falcon starter in 47 of the last 48 games** with the one missed assignment in the season opener which stopped his streak at 32 in-a-row. He spent his first season in the NFL on the club's developmental squad in '93 but earned a spot on the regular roster the following season, seeing action in five games. Against the LA Rams (9/11/94) in the second week of the '94 season, he lined up for the first time along the line when center Roman Fortin went down in the fourth quarter. In the '95 training camp, Tobeck took advantage when Dave Richards was late reporting and he has been a starter ever since. Robert has opened holes for three 1,000 yard rushing seasons by Falcon backs, three 1,000 yard receivers, and a 4,000 yard passer. Tobeck's work in the trenches was also responsible for a record setting performance never equaled in NFL history as four different Falcons each gained over 1,000 yards in '95.

College Career

Tobeck started all 12 games at center for a 9-3 Washington State team as a senior in 1992. He was moved to center from guard prior to his last year and quickly became entrenched as the starter, earning second-team All-PAC 10 honors. Robert was especially impressive against Stanford, Fresno State, and Oregon State, **winning the school's Outstanding Offensive Lineman** accolades. He was also the recipient of the Frank Butler Award by his teammates. Robert played two seasons at Kilgore Junior College in Texas but missed most of his second year with an injured knee. His first two seasons were as a defensive end for Kilgore (TX) Junior College. He overcame knee surgery to earn Comeback Player-of-the-Year honors on a 9-2 team

Notebook

If you're looking for investment advice you might want to pick Tobeck's brain. He enjoys following the stock market daily on his favorite channel, *CNBC*. He used his financial background to become an entrepreneur by purchasing and then managing pay phones around the country. Robert's other hobby is following the wrestling game. A friend, Ron Stud, is a *WCW* wrestler and he supports him by going to his matches sometimes. Ironically, he "wrestled" in practice everyday with former defensive lineman and current pro wrestler Bill Goldberg. He also lists "Nature Boy" Rick Flair as his other favorite wrestler to follow. Tobeck received unique training in college as his first coach, George Yarno, played 12-years in the NFL including a stint in Atlanta. Yarno made the transition smoother when Robert switched from defensive to offensive line after spring drills before his junior season. Tobeck was **Drew Bledsoe's best man** at his wedding in '96. The former college roommates proved to be a formidable battery mate at Washington State as Tobeck served as Bledsoe's center for their senior season. A big-time weight lifter, he has added muscle through the years going from 275 as a rookie to 300 as a starter in three seasons.

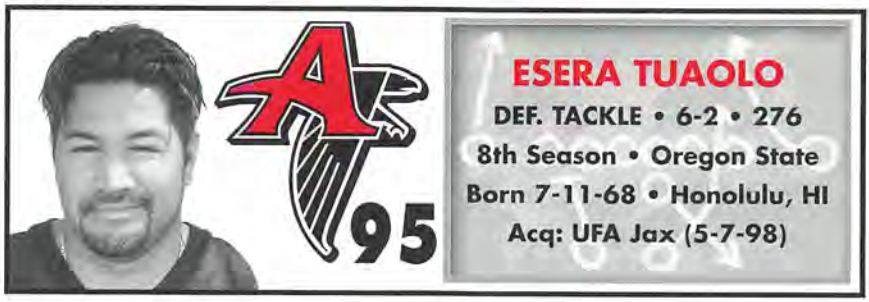
Personal

Tobeck was a big running back and was the leading tackler from his linebacker position for New Port Richey High School in Tarpon Springs, FL. A versatile athlete, he was a presence in the middle for the basketball team by averaging an eye-catching 21 rebounds a game. He also scored 21 points for an undefeated 20-0 team which was ranked #2 in the state of Florida. He feeds his appetite for basketball by performing for the Falcons' off-season team. Robert and his wife, Beth, have a daughter McKenzie (5) and son, Mason (2).

Did You Know...

Robert's experience across the Falcons' front line has also included **catching a one-yard touchdown pass vs. Pittsburgh** (10/27/96) and a 14-yard pass vs. New Orleans (11/17/96) as an **extra tight end** two seasons ago.

Tobeck's Career Games Played/Started
Career Totals: 53/47 **Regular Season:** 1993 (Atl 0/0), 1994 (Atl 5/0), 1995 (Atl 16/16), 1996 (Atl 16/16), 1997 (Atl 16/15)



ESERA TUAOLO

DEF. TACKLE • 6-2 • 276
8th Season • Oregon State
Born 7-11-68 • Honolulu, HI
Acq: UFA Jax (5-7-98)

Last Season

Esera was signed by the Jacksonville Jaguars on November 5 when DT Kelvin Pritchett was placed on injured reserve. Tuaolo (pronounced too-ah-OH-lo) made 26 tackles with one sack in six games played. In his only start of the season at Oakland (12/21) he responded with a sack, four tackles, and 2 QB pressures. He amassed a season-high nine tackles vs. Tennessee (11/16) and had three tackles with two coming for losses at Cincinnati (11/23). His season started in the Bills training camp before being released on August 18.

Pro Career

Esera was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in the second round (35th overall) in '91. He started 16 games at nose tackle for the Pack as a rookie and ended up with 48 tackles (38 solo), 3.5 sacks, one interception and a forced fumble. He was named to the *Football News* and *College & Pro Football Newsweekly* **All-Rookie teams.** Tuaolo was signed by the Vikings as a free agent on November 24, 1992 after playing the first four games in Green Bay. In '93, he was out of the lineup for four games with a broken thumb but returned to start the final three games, including a playoff contest. He played in all 16 games in '95, recording his first three sacks as a Viking. His career totals read 86 games played, 45 starts, 11 sacks, and two fumble recoveries.

College Career

He was a three starter and four-year letterman at Oregon State. He finished his college career with school records for sacks with 14, tackles for losses with 23 and QB pressures with 27.5. As a junior, he **won the Morris Trophy given to the PAC 10's top defensive lineman** based on a vote to the league's starting offensive lineman. Esera was a **first-team All-PAC 10** choice as a senior and recorded 198 total tackles for his career.

Notebook/Personal

Esera Tavai hails from Waimanalo, Hawaii. He attended Don Lugo H.S. in Chino, CA., garnering letters in track, wrestling and football as a fullback and linebacker. His busy senior season included taking home the Defensive Player-of-the-Year honors as well as being called an All-Pomana Valley choice and he won a conference wrestling crown. Esera sang the national anthem before a Packers game at Lambeau Field (in full uniform) on Oct. 17, 1991 and also sang at a Portland Trailblazers game as well as Oregon State football and basketball games. He **has his own CD out**, *One Man's Island*, and was featured on an NFL Country CD released in '96.

Tuaolo's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	Scks	INT's	Yds	PD	FF	FR	TD
1991	G.B.	16/16	48	30	3.5	1	23	1	1	0	0
1992	G.B./Minn	7/0	5	4	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1993	Minn	11/3	16	15	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1994	Minn	16/0	15	13	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1995	Minn	16/16	59	28	3.0	0	0	1	1	2	0
1996	Minn	14/9	39	23	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
1997	Jacks	6/1	26	14	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:		**86/45**	**208**	**127**	**11.0**	**1**	**23**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**0**

Tuaolo's Best Games

Tackles	Sacks	Forced Fumbles	Interceptions
8 vs. Hou (10-8-95)	1.5 vs. Phil (9-1-91)	1 (twice)	1 vs. T.B. (11-29-91)

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JESSIE TUGGLE

LINEBACKER • 5-11 • 230
12th Season • Valdosta St.
Born 4-4-65 • Spalding, GA
Acq: College FA (5-4-87)

Last Season

Jessie continued to be the unquestionable leader of the Falcons defense again in '97.

• **Team's leading tackler for 9th consecutive season** with 121 tackles.

• Named to his **4th Pro Bowl in the last six years** with team-high 86 solo tackles and 1.5 QB sacks, 4 QB pressures, 6 passes defensed.

• With Tuggle paving the way, the Falcons defense improved from 27th overall in '96 to 20th last year and finished #8 in NFL in rush defense (only 104 per game) while giving up 100 fewer points than in '96.

• Compiled 8 or more tackles in a game in 8 out of 16 games.

NFL Leading Active Tacklers
(from play-by-plays)

1. Jessie Tuggle – Atlanta	**1,594**
2. Chris Spielman – Buffalo	1,363
3. Eugene Robinson – Atlanta	1,176
4. Hardy Nickerson – Tampa Bay	1,172
5. Seth Joyner – Green Bay	1,118

• Collared a team-high 12 tackles vs. S.F. (10/19) and at San Diego (12/7), while making 11 stops at Carolina (10/26) and 10 tackles vs. Carolina (9/7).

Pro Career

The "Hammer's" signature trademark through 11 brilliant seasons has been his consistency.

Δ **Leading active tackle leader in NFL.**

Δ Totaled 180 tackles or more in a season eight straight years ('89-'96).

Δ Holds a highly productive **career average of 10.5 tackles per game.**

Δ Top tackler in NFL with 201 in '90 and 207 in '91.

Δ The only Falcon defender ever to total 200+ tackles in consecutive seasons.

Δ Impressive streak of 31 consecutive games with 10 or more tackles (until '93).

Δ Totaled **four games with 20 or more tackles** including a personal-best 24 in '90.

Δ Just the 9th Falcon player to ever earn four or more Pro Bowl appearances.

Δ Third on the club's all-time charts in games played with 171 and games started with 152.

Δ **NFL record holder** for most career fumble returns for touchdowns with four.

Δ Did not miss a start in 89 consecutive games from '92 through Week 11 last year when Saints opened with three WR's. Also, built up a streak of 75 straight in five years that was snapped (in '92) because of a hospital stay with nonbacterial viral meningitis.

Year-by-Year

1996: Once again, he paced the team with his 184 tackles. He amassed 10 or more tackles in game 13 times and led the team in tackles in a game 12 times. His top tackle game was at Detroit in Week 5 as he finished with 19 stops.

Most Career Games Played as Falcon

1. Mike Kenn	251
2. Jeff Van Note	246
3. Jessie Tuggle	**171**
4. Bobby Butler	170

1995: This **Pro Bowl starter** recorded a career-best 126 solos out of his team-high 180 tackles. He averaged 11 tackles per game with 20 stops as a seasonal-high at New Orleans. He sealed the big win over the Saints with a endzone theft with 1:11 left. He scored his **first interception TD** on 27-yard return vs. Arizona.

1994: He posted the third highest tackle total of his career with a team-high 195 stops to earn another spot on the NFC **Pro Bowl** squad. Tuggle pounded the opposition to register 10 or more tackles in 12 of his 16 starts and his 111 solo stops were tops on the club's charts and the second highest tally of his career.

1993: Jessie recorded over 100 tackles for the sixth straight season with a team-high 185 stops. After missing all of the preseason in a contract dispute, he started the opener at Detroit and delivered 10 tackles, including two for losses. Tuggle recorded the 1,000th tackle of his career in Week 8 against the Saints. Three weeks later, he led the team with 12 tackles and a sack in his 100th NFL game at Los Angeles Rams.

1992: The first time **Pro Bowl starter** paced the club in tackles for a fifth straight season with 193 stops. He dropped 10 pounds due to a bout with viral meningitis which put him in Piedmont Hospital for the Redskins game. Jessie set a personal record with 10 or more tackles in all 15 games he played. He scored a 69 yard TD off a fumble recovery at New Orleans.

1991: He **led the NFL** in tackles again by posting a career-high 207 in being named to *Sports Illustrated's* All-Pro team. Jessie was named NFC Defensive Player-of-the-Month for December with his 49 tackles, 1 FR, and his first NFL theft. He continued his "Hammer"-ing of opponents in the playoffs with a team-high 31 total stops. His top efforts were a 22-tackle day (second-most ever) vs. N.O. and 19 stops at Dallas. His busy season also included an 18-yard fumble return for a TD against the Raiders.

1990: Jessie **led the NFL** in tackles with a then personal best of 201 as he helped the Falcons record the **lowest per rush average in the League** at 3.3. He was the first Falcon to total over 200 stops since Buddy Curry's 229 in 1983. Tuggle was second on the club with 5 QB sacks and finished in double digits in tackles 11 times. His **24 tackles** against the Bengals set a **personal high** and were included in a streak of 10+ tackle efforts in eight consecutive weeks.

Pro Bowls by Falcons

1. Claude Humphrey	6
Jeff Van Note	6
3. Tommy Nobis	5
4. Mike Kenn	5
5. Jessie Tuggle	**4**
William Andrews	4
Elbert Shelley	4
Bill Fralic	4
Andre Rison	4

1989: In his first full season as a starter, he collared a club-high 183 stops from the inside and paced the team in tackles in 10 out of 16 games.

1988: He developed a reputation around the League by dealing out vicious blows in a sophomore campaign that included his first 100-plus tackle season. Jessie started 8 out of his 16 games played and recovered a fumbled punt return for his first NFL TD at the Rams, while chipping in with 17 tackles and a blocked field goal.

1987: As a rookie, young Jessie played in 12 games with four starts, and impressed with plenty of hard hits. He made the roster as am undrafted free agent after a strong camp.

College Career

Jessie received the ultimate compliment when his #88 jersey was retired from Valdosta State in 1993. He left as the Blazers' record holder with 340 tackles. A Gulf South Conference selection for three years, Jessie started all four years and was the Conference's Defensive Player-of-the-Year as a senior. Valdosta St. is a Division II school with 9,500 students.

Notebook

How many Falcon fans (or media for that matter) could answer the following trivia question? Who was the last person not named JESSIE TUGGLE to lead the Falcons in tackles in a season? The answer is linebacker John Rade back in '88 with 137! Jessie's resume in **community involvement is just as long and impressive as his playing career**. Last season he served as the official spokesperson for the Fatherhood Campaign throughout Georgia as Tuggle's picture with his two kids was on billboards and posters statewide, promoting responsible fatherhood. The governor of Georgia even recognized the program when he proclaimed Sept. 7th "Atlanta Falcon Fatherhood Day" in the state. He has been the Falcons' **"Man of the Year"** in '93 and *United Way* national spokesperson in '95-'96. Whether it's speaking to a group of 5,000 youngsters at a Drug Enforcement Agency rally in Nashville, TN or taking time to visit every kid he could at local hospitals, Jessie touches all kinds of groups. He also shows his big heart at the Falcons' yearly holiday feed the homeless drives. For his many efforts on behalf of the community, Tuggle was presented the prestigious **"Peach of an Athlete"** award for 1996. As a 15 year-old, Jessie fell in love with video games, especially "Space Invaders", on his Atari video game system. It has grown over the years to now include owning SuperNintendo, Sega Genesis, Sony Play Station, and a Panasonic 3DO. This video buff even had a state-of-the-art home theater system complete with a 126-inch screen, 11 theater-style rocking seats, a THX sound system, a laser disc player, and Super VHS system built in his dream home. Don't forget the 10 televisions sets he has strategically placed around the house plus two personal computers for his wife and kids. Tuggle's chiseled body comes from countless hours in the weight room. The 165-pound high school junior almost bench pressed twice his own weight while hoisting 300 pounds. He went from benching 330 pounds as a sophomore in college to nearly 500 pounds (475 bench) by the time he was a senior. With strong and loyal roots, Tuggle donated $25,000 to begin a scholarship fund at Valdosta State and was surprised to learn the school named their new workout facility after him ("Jessie Tuggle Strength & Fitness Complex") to say thanks. Jessie's nickname comes from the simple fact that his pounding hits are so hard fans sometimes hear them in the stands and cringe. A teammate once noted, *"The Hammer hits 'em so hard their mammas can feel it!"*

Personal

Jessie Floyd, Jr. hails from Spalding County and Griffin, Ga. This football hotbed also produced Willie Gault of the Bears and Rayfield Wright (his uncle by marriage) of the Cowboys. Tuggle worked his way up from being a member of the "B" team at Griffin High to the team's MVP as a senior. Jessie's solid work ethic was forged through the influence of Jessie Floyd, Sr. (a tractor trailer driver) and Ada Tuggle (a factory worker). The Falcons learned more about Tuggle's potential first-hand at an off-season banquet in '87 attended by Falcons coach Marion Campbell and Valdosta State coach Mike Cavan. This huge Falcons fan while growing up has quite a cheering section at home, and at some road games, as he has six brothers and sisters. Jessie married his high school sweetheart, Dujuan, and the household boasts a son, Justin, a Pop Warner terror, and beautiful daughter, Jessica Dujuan.

Tuggle's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	Asst	Scks	Press.	INT's	PD	FF	FR	TD
1987	Atl	12/4	35	18	17	1.0	6	0	2	0	0	0
1988	Atl	16/8	103	60	43	0.0	1	0	3	1	1	1
1989	Atl	16/16	183	112	71	1.0	5	0	3	0	1	0
1990	Atl	16/14	201	99	102	5.0	10	0	2	3	2	1
1991	Atl	16/16	207	106	101	1.0	6	1	4	1	2	1
1992	Atl	15/15	193	98	95	1.0	6	1	0	1	1	1
1993	Atl	16/16	185	120	65	3.0	2	0	7	1	1	0
1994	Atl	16/16	195	111	84	0.0	8	1	4	1	1	0
1995	Atl	16/16	180	126	54	1.0	5	3	3	1	0	0
1996	Atl	16/16	184	108	76	1.0	11	0	1	1	0	0
1997	Atl	16/15	123	86	37	1.5	4	0	6	0	0	0
Totals:		**171/152**	**1789**	**1044**	**745**	**15.5**	**64**	**6**	**35**	**10**	**9**	**4**
** Also has 65 special teams tackles*												
Playoff Totals:												
1991		2/2	31	15	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1995		1/1	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Tuggle's Best Games

Tackles	Sacks	Forced Fumbles	Interceptions
24 vs. Cinc (10-28-90) 22 vs. NO (9-29-91) 21 @ NO (11-25-90) 20 @ NO (9-17-95) 19 @ Det (10-6-96) 19 @ Rams (10-21-9C) 19 @ Dall (12-22-91)	15 games with 1 sack (Last time @ S.D. 12-7-97)	2 @ N.O. (11-25-90) 8 games with 1	vs. NO (12-10-95), 49 yds @ Ari (11-26-95), 27t yds vs. Det (11-5-95), 8 yds @ Dall (12-22-91), 22 yds @ GB (11-4-92), 1 yd @ NO (11-13-94), 0 yds

Last Season

William had a career-best 119 tackles to finish **second on the team's defensive charts**. His 71 solo stops were the third highest behind Tuggle and Bennett. He also added one interception for 11 yards and three passes defensed to his '97 credits. William ended up sixth in coach Rich Brooks' grading system with 297 points in starting all 16 games. He was named defensive player of the game by the coaches for his team-high 8 tackles, two for losses, and one pass defensed vs. Denver (9/28). His other top tackle games were 10 vs. St. Louis, 9 vs. Carolina (9/7) and Philadelphia (12/14), 8 at New Orleans (10/12) and at Arizona (12/21).

Pro Career

The experienced White upped his numbers to 116 starts out of 155 games played with last years totals. He is in the **top 50 in active tackle leaders** (with 652) **in the NFL** as he heads into his 11th campaign. Selected by the Lions in the fourth round in '88, he started 79 out of 95 games played in Detroit and recorded 450 tackles, 13 interceptions, and 29 passes

defensed. William was traded on July 13, 1994 to Kansas City where he performed in the AFC for three seasons. His 167 tackles in his first two seasons was among the best on the Chiefs squad. White's pro highlights have included **scoring three different ways**: on an interception return ('90), fumble return ('89), and blocked field goal ('91). He also snagged an interception in his first pro start in '89.

College/Notebook

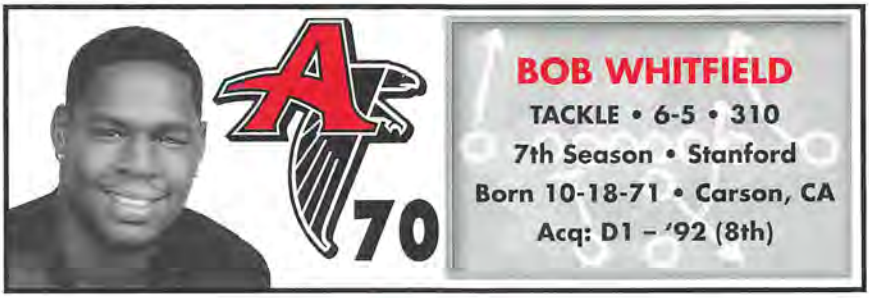
William was a first-team All-Big 10 selection as a senior at Ohio State. He finished his career as a Buckeye with 178 tackles and 16 interceptions, returning two for TD's. White rushed for 1,444 yards with 12 TD's as a running back as a senior at Lima (Ohio) Senior High School. He reaches back into the Columbus community with the Carter/White Charities (established in '91) with former college teammate Cris Carter of the Vikings. Along with Carter he has sponsored a golf tournament that funded a youth football camp in Columbus. He's also been involved with Pro Challenge, a program which delivers speakers to schools to talk about substance abuse. For his community endeavors with the Lions, he was named Detroit's **"Man of the Year"** in '92. William spends countless hours of film study on his opponent each week. He has tried to teach the younger players on the roster the value of preparation. White is also a leader when it comes to the Falcons' bible study. He is heavily involved in the off-seasons in a program called, Community Rebuild, Inc., which is a initiative by NFL players to rebuild inner-city Los Angeles. This smart and articulate player holds a degree in metallurgical engineering from Ohio State. He was close to experiencing the ultimate in pro football in '91 when his Lions team faced the Redskins in the NFC Championship game. William Eugene and his wife, Nikol, own an off-season home in Columbus.

White's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	INT's	Yds	LG	TD	Sacks	FF	FR
1988	Det	16/0	16	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	1
1989	Det	15/15	81	1	0	0	1	1.0	2	1
1990	Det	16/16	106	5	120	48	1	0.0	1	0
1991	Det	16/16	87	2	35	28	1	0.0	0	0
1992	Det	16/16	76	4	54	28	0	0.0	0	0
1993	Det	16/16	84	1	5	5	0	1.5	1	0
1994	K.C.	15/15	97	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	1
1995	K.C.	16/5	70	2	48	30	0	1.0	1	0
1996	K.C.	13/1	24	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0
1997	Atl	16/16	119	1	11	11	0	0.0	0	0
Totals:		**155/116**	**760**	**18**	**273**	**48**	**3**	**3.5**	**7**	**3**

White's Best Games

Tackles	Interceptions	Passes Defensed	Sacks	TD's
14 vs. Wash (11-4-90) 12 @ Sea (11-27-94) 12 @ K.C. (10-14-90)	2 @ Sea (12-30-90) 1 (16 times)	4 vs. Atl (9-16-90)	1 @ Sea (9-3-95) 1 vs.N.O. (9-19-93) 1 vs. G.B. (11-2-89)	1 vs. Wash (11-4-90)



BOB WHITFIELD

TACKLE • 6-5 • 310
7th Season • Stanford
Born 10-18-71 • Carson, CA
Acq: D1 – '92 (8th)

Last Season

Bob was the leader of the line again in '97, **starting every contest at left tackle for the fifth consecutive season.** He was a huge reason why the Falcons were able to control the line of scrimmage enough to finish **6th in the NFL in time of possession** with a three minute difference over their opponents. With the 6-5, 310 pounder anchoring the line, the birds scored over 300 points for the eighth consecutive season and finished 13th in the League in TD's scored in the Red Zone. The Falcons also had 21 drives or 10 or more plays and 18 drives of 70 or more yards thanks to his presence. He pushed the pile to help spring rookie Byron Hanspard for a team record 77-yard run vs. Oakland (9/14), a 57-yarder vs. Denver (9/28) and 53-yarder vs. Philadelphia (12/14). He also paved the way for Jamal Anderson's 162 rushing yards (7th-most ever) vs. St. Louis (11/2) and 152 yards at Arizona (12/21) on the way to his second straight 1,000 yard season. Whitfield's adept pass blocking allowed Chris Chandler to boast the second-highest QB rating in the NFL en route to the 5th-most passing TD's with 26. His aggressive play along the line allowed the Falcons to amass a season-high 462 total yards of offense vs. St. Louis (11/2), 386 vs. Philly (12/14), 366 vs. Oakland (9/14), and 356 at Arizona (12/21). Bob was voted as a third alternate to the Pro Bowl.

Pro Career

Whitfield has been in the **starting lineup in 80 straight games** and has **played in 86 in-a-row.** Since the 1970 merger, no offensive tackle in pro football had started as many games as soon as Bob by the age of 25 last season. He started as a 17 year-old freshman at Stanford under Denny Green and was a 20 year-old starter (youngest in League) in the pro's at the beginning of the '93 season. Only three non-rookie's were younger than Whitfield on last year's roster but he still has six seasons of experience under his belt. Through his help five of his offensive teammates have earned Pro Bowl nods since he became a starter. Over the past five years as the stalwart on the line, the offense has enjoyed four 1,000-yard rushing seasons, four 1,000-yard receivers, and a 4,000 yard passer. His strong line play was instrumental in the Falcons becoming the first team in NFL history to have four different players with over 1,000 yards each in '95. Because of a contract dispute, he did not report until two days before the '92 opener and performed in 11 games as a rookie.

College Career

The consensus junior All-American tackle led the Cardinal of Dennis Green to an 8-3 record and a Bowl bid in his final season at Stanford. A starter for three seasons, Bob was a **two-time finalist for the Vince Lombardi Award** and also a nominee for the Outland Trophy as the best lineman in college football. During his final season, the 290-pounder bulldozed holes for "Touchdown" Tommy Vardell, helping Stanford post big victories over top 20 teams like Colorado and UCLA, while the offense averaged almost 400 yards and 32 points a game. In his sophomore season, Whitfield garnered second team All-America honors and All-PAC 10 accolades by not allowing a sack all season for a unit that averaged 384 yards per outing. He was the only sophomore nominated for the Outland Trophy out of the 14 finalists. He was afforded first team freshman NCAA All-America honors as a 17-year-old starter.

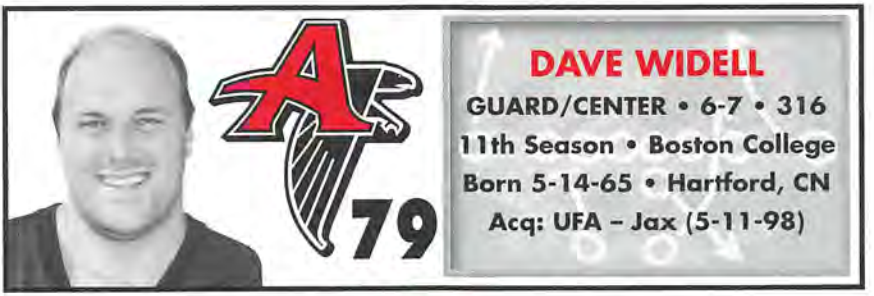
Notebook

A likable, smiling 'gentle giant' off the field, Bob turned a childhood hobby into an ambitious undertaking which has paid dividends. *"Growing up, I played piano, drums, trumpet and even breakdanced when that was the craze,"* he explained. So in January of '94, the humble beginnings of **PatchWerk Recordings** was started in the basement of his Alpharetta home. The business has grown into a 3,000 square-foot facility in downtown Atlanta that increased its bookings from 12 to 22 hours per day and calls Columbia/Sony Records, LaFace Records, Def, Arista, and Priority Records, as clients. Whitfield was smart enough to earn a place on Banning High School's honor roll in Los Angeles rather than follow his brother's (Paris) path of gang life. *"A lot of guys have to go to the streets to be noticed, but I always enjoyed being a good student - school was fun to me."* In '95, he was part of the NFL's Golden Circle of 50 players who each **donated $10,000** in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the **United Negro College Fund** in a program which help fund 39 scholarships at black colleges. Bob was just the fifth lineman in Falcons history (at the time) to be chosen in the first round. Whitfield was the first recruit of Minnesota's Dennis Green at Stanford and was the highest drafted player (#8 overall) at the school since John Elway in '83.

Personal

"Big Whit" actually began as an imposing 6-4, 270 pound defensive lineman as a 9th grader at Banning High. He listened to his older brother, Paris, and swayed away from gangs and into athletics and academics. His counseling paid off when Whitfield was named the prestigious *Gatorade* Circle of Champions Player-of-the-Year in '88. That season he guided Banning to a berth in the city of Los Angeles finals with an 11-3 record. Bob spurned offers from powerhouses Michigan, Notre Dame, and Miami to sign with Stanford so his mother and best friend, Eartha, could see him play. Academics are still a driving force in his life as he continues to work on his economics degree at Georgia State. He is the proud father of a daughter, Laniece (8), and son, Kodi (4).

Whitfield's Career Games Played/Started
Career Totals: 91/80; Playoffs: 1/1 Regular Season: 1992 (Atl 11/0), 1993 (Atl 16/16), 1994 (Atl 16/16), 1995 (Atl 16/16), 1996 (Atl 16/16), 1997 (Atl 16/16)



Last Season

Dave started 12 of the 16 games at center for the playoff bound 11-5 Jacksonville Jaguars. His three-year career in Jacksonville included **starting in a team record 42 of 47 games** played. Widell opened up holes for the Jags to score a team-record 394 points and a set a new club mark with **20 rushing TD's, second best in NFL.** He was also responsible for three teammates setting new individual team records. QB Mark Brunell was the highest rated passer in the AFC with his 91.2 QB rating. RB Natrone Means gained 823 rushing yards and WR Jimmy Smith set a new mark with his 1,324 receiving yards. Dave was part of a successful line which finished seventh in total offense with 12 300+ games, including a 538 yard effort at St. L (10/20), 442 at N.E. (9/22), and 422 vs. Cin. (12/1). The high scoring Jags also finished tied for the League lead in red zone TD's with 33.

Pro Career

Big Dave has now been a reliable NFL starter in 92 games out of his **155 total games played** through 10 seasons. His time in the trenches has been spent at center, guard and tackle as well as long snapper. Widell started the first 21 games in Jaguars history before missing two starts in October of '96 which also stopped a streak of 38 consecutive starts. His career began as a fourth round draft choice of the Cowboys in '88 where he started nine games. He was traded to the Broncos on Aug. 24, 1990 for 7th (in '91) and 8th round (in '92) picks. In his first season in Denver, he was in the starting lineup for the final five games and handled the snapping chores on punts. He broke in as a full-time starter in '94 when he logged time in every game at center. Dave joined the new Jaguars as an unrestricted free agent on March 15, 1995. In Jacksonville's inaugural campaign of '95, he anchored the line as one of only two offensive players to start every game along with T Brian DeMarco and performed all of the snapping duties on field goals and extra points. He was the **only Jag to play every offensive play that first season**. In '96, Widell started 14 of 15 games played for the Playoff Jags. He and the rest of the o-line received a game ball for their work against the Bengals (12/1).

College Career

For the Eagles of Boston College, he was a three-year starter at right tackle. He played his first season under offensive coordinator Tom Coughlin. As a freshman, he was a back-up left tackle and moved to center as a sophomore. His final season at BC garnered him All-East Coast recognition as well as an honorable mention All-Amercia nod. His responsibilities also entailed handling all of the snapping duties for more than three seasons.

Notebook/Personal

Dave is a big, pile-driving blocker who is known for his toughness. He started and played the entire game for the Jaguars against the Panthers in '96 despite pain in his knee from pregame warm-ups. He underwent an MRI the day after the game and had to undergo an arthroscopic procedure to repair a torn meniscus cartliage. He continued his tough ways by returning to the lineup 13 days later. In the last game of the season Widell started and played the entire game at Buffalo despite suffering a strained calf during the contest. He had the distinction of **playing for future Hall of Fame coach Tom Landry** during the coach's last season in Dallas and will now play for the second time for Landry disciple, Dan Reeves. **Dave and his brother, Doug, started together along the line for Boston College** one season and both went on to establish themselves in the pro's as Doug lined up last season for the Colts. He was a an all-state of Connecticut choice at two positions as a tight end and nose tackle at South Catholic H.S. in Hartford. During his time in Jacksonville, he was involved in the community through a series of public service announcements for anti-violence, leukemia awareness and anti-smoking campaigns. Widell was a spokesperson for a shelter for abused women called the Hubbard House and was an active participant in Special Olympics. David Harold Widell, Jr. and his wife, Shawn, have a daughter, Corinne (8/30/94), and a son, Daniel (4/2/96).

Widell's Career Games Played/Started
Career Totals: 155/92 **Regular Season:** 1988 (Dall 14/9), 1989 (Dall 15/2), 1990 (Den 16/5), 1991 (Den 16/2), 1992 (Den 16/1), 1993 (Den 15/15), 1994 (Den 16/16), 1995 (Jacks 16/16), 1996 (Jacks 15/14), 1997 (Jacks 16/12)

Last Season

Gene started every game at right guard except vs. Carolina (9/7) in Week 2. Williams was responsible for opening holes for an offense that gained 300 or more yards in eight out of 16 games, including a season-high of 462 vs. St. Louis (11/2). He helped pave the way for Jamal Anderson's second straight 1,000 yard rushing season and two of his career-best rushing days with 162 vs. St. Louis (11/2) and 152 at Arizona (12/21). Gene's drive blocking also enabled Byron Hanspard to record three of the 12 longest runs in team history with a record-breaking 77-yarder vs. Oakland (9/14), a 57-yarder vs. Denver (9/28) and a 53-yard run vs. Philadelphia (12/14). His pass protection allowed the Falcons to post the 5th highest total of passing TD's in the League with 26 as his QB Chris Chandler earned a Pro Bowl berth for the first time with a 95.1 rating, the second-highest in the NFL. The birds also were the 13th most-productive unit in TD's scored inside the "Red Zone" and scored over 300 points for the eighth straight season with Williams' presence in the lineup.

Pro Career

Williams saw his games played total rise to 84 and his games started number reach 41 in seven pro seasons with last year's additions. He's performed for three different teams during that span which had beginnings in Miami in '91. Gene broke in as a backup to Pro Bowler (and former Iowa State teammate) Keith Sims with the Dolphins from '91-92 and played in 15 games in two seasons. He was dealt to Cleveland on July 12, 1993 for a '94 fourth round draft choice and his career took off. He was in the starting lineup in 23 out of 32 games played for the Browns before being acquired by the Falcons for a fifth round pick on August 29th just before the '95 season opener. The Falcons' offense amassed 348 and 375 total yards, in consecutive victories after he replaced an injured Mike Zandofsky in Week 4. He started one other game for Zandofsky and also added a blocked 21-yard field goal attempt at Miami in 12 games played. In '96, back surgery in the preseason followed right knee surgery at the end of September, limiting his work to 10 games. Williams started 22 consecutive games for the Cleveland Browns from 1993-94 and 23 out of 29 overall games played. He was part of a line that set an NFL record by allowing only 14 QB sacks in '94 as the Browns posted a 7-2 record in his nine starts.

College Career /Notebook

Gene was a first team All-Big Eight choice and first team All-America pick by *Pro Football Weekly* as a senior at Iowa State. The four-year starter for the Cyclones teamed with Keith Sims to lead an offense which averaged 378 yards a contest. Williams was given the '94 Doug Dieken Humanitarian Award by the Cleveland Browns Touchdown Club for his community involvement. Needless to say, he's happy pro football fans in Cleveland will again field a team in 1999. This guitar player's spare time in the off-season is spent with his rock 'n roll band. His resume lists a background in television as he directed and screen - produced a pair of shows. This speech communications and English major also was the host of his own jazz radio show in college.

Personal

Born on October 14, 1968 in Blair, Nebraska, Eugene Williams was the state's "Lineman of the Year" at Creighton Preparatory in Omaha. He helped Creighton to an undefeated 12-0 record en route to a state title. When he's not picking his guitar, Gene likes to play racquetball and rollerblade. He's been a strong supporter of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program through the years and played host to a Bowl-A-Thon for a group of kids called Youth Visions.

Williams' Career Games Played/Started

Career Totals: 84/41
Regular Season: 1991 (Miami 10/0), 1992 (Miami 5/0), 1993 (Clev 16/14), 1994 (Clev 16/9), 1995 (Atl 12/3), 1996 (Atl 10/0), 1997 (Atl15/15)

Last Season

Marcus' first season in the pro's was spent on special teams and learning the safety position from veterans William White and Devin Bush. Wimberly played in six games while being on the club's inactive list for the other nine games. He suited up in his first pro game vs. Oakland (9/14) after being on the inactive list the first two weeks of the season and performed on special teams. The following week at San Francisco (9/21) he made his only special teams tackle of the season.

College Career

Wimberly amassed 71 tackles, an interception, four passes defensed, and a forced fumble as a hard hitting starting free safety for the 8-3 Miami Hurricanes in '96. Marcus was converted to his present position after his **first two seasons as a wide receiver**. The 71 tackles were the second highest total among all Hurricane defensive backs (to Tremain Mack of Bengals) and was good enough for fourth overall. His top tackling effort was a career-best 12 tackles against East Carolina. He also picked off a pass versus Syracuse. In '95, he was slowed by tendenitis in his right knee all season which limited him to four games played at his new position. He ended up with five tackles (four solos) with two stops each coming against Temple and Baylor. Marcus hauled in nine passes for 86 yards with a long of 19 in two seasons playing behind a talented receiving corps which would produce the likes of future NFLers like Chris T. Jones and A.C. Tellison.

Notebook/Personal

Marcus graduated with a degree in systems analysis from the business school at Miami. A first-team All-Conference and honorable mention all-state of Tennessee product, Wimberly played three positions (running back, wide receiver, defensive back) at East High School in Memphis. He rambled for 1,200 rushing yards with 16 TD's and 160 yards receiving and two scores. Patrolling the secondary, he stole three passes and knocked down seven others, collared 38 tackles and recovered two fumbles. Marcus has benefited from the influences of talented Hurricanes who have gone on to the pro's like Warren Sapp, Michael Barrow, Ryan McNeil, James Stewart, Horace Copeland, Chris T. Jones, Kenneth Holmes, and Kevin Williams. Miami's defensive coaches were impressed when this smart athlete was able to learn their defense in less than a week after he was converted from wide receiver. The son of Alvin and Glenda Taylor frequently spoke to local Miami schools such as Joe Hall Elementary School.

Wimberly's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tckls	Solo	Sacks	INT's	PD	TD	FF	FR	SpTm
19997	Atl	6/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals:		**6/0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**

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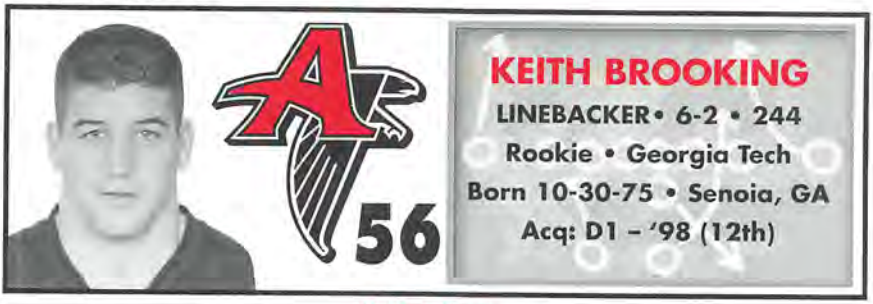


KEITH BROOKING
LINEBACKER • 6-2 • 244
Rookie • Georgia Tech
Born 10-30-75 • Senoia, GA
Acq: D1 – '98 (12th)

College Career

The Falcons picked their first player ever from the state of Georgia in the first round of a draft and selected "the complete package" in Keith Brooking. With the size and strength (6-3, 242) to shed blockers; the speed, quickness and range (4.5 in the 40) to chase down ball carriers or cover backs; and the intensity to pursue opponents from sideline-to-sideline on every play (nicknamed Dick Butkus after legendary Chicago Bear), Brooking possesses all the attributes coaches are looking for in an every down pro linebacker. Take a look at the impressive college career of a player who "Wrecked" havoc at nearby Georgia Tech.

√ **Leading tackler in school history** with 467 career stops.
√ Team leader in tackles the last three seasons, while averaging 12.8 per game.
√ Recorded two of the top tackle seasons in Tech history with 147 and 146, respectively, as a junior and sophomore.
√ Collected 131 tackles in his final season and added two sacks, two interceptions, three passes defensed, eight QB pressures, a fumble recovery, and one blocked field goal to lead Tech to a Bowl game.
√ Finalist for Butkus Award for the nation's most outstanding linebacker and voted as a permanent captain last year by his teammates.
√ Finished 6th in school history with 25.5 tackles for losses, a high number for a linebacker.
√ **Started 34 consecutive games** to end college career and 36 overall in four years.
√ Collared 20 tackles in a game FOUR times in college (against Clemson and Georgia).
√ Closed out brilliant college career with 15 tackles (two for losses), an interception, and a QB pressure to help Yellow Jackets defeat West Virginia in Carquest Bowl.
√ **Top tackler in the ACC**, averaging 13.3 stops a game in '95, and second-leading tackler in the conference in '96 with 13.4 per game average.
√ Registered 86 snaps played in a game against Central Florida as a junior.
√ As a sophomore, he was a big reason the Yellow Jackets held Maryland to a school record-low of -30 yards rushing.

Year-by-Year

1997: A second-team All-ACC linebacker, Keith was ranked 5th in the conference with an average of 11.9 tackles per contest. He also led the team with eight tackles for losses. Brooking **tied his personal-best for the FOURTH TIME** in his career **with 20 tackles against Clemson**. He also collared 17 tackles, including two for losses, against Notre Dame and made 13 tackles vs. 5th-ranked North Carolina with an interception at the UNC 24-yard line. He totaled a sack and nine tackles against 3rd-ranked Florida State and 12 tackles (two for losses) and a blocked 35-yard field goal against rival Georgia. Keith registered 15 tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery vs. Virginia. **With nine tackles against Duke**, Keith **established a new school record** to eclipse the previous Tech record of 437 by linebacker Jerrelle Williams from 1989-91.

1996: The durable Brooking played every snap in every game except lopsided games versus Wake Forest, Duke and Florida State. He equaled his career-best with **20 tackles against Clemson, including 13 solo** tackles. Keith added **18 tackles vs. nationally-ranked North Carolina** and 15 versus Navy. He keyed a superb defensive effort in a 13-7 victory over 12th ranked Virginia when he recorded 15 tackles, with a sack, a pass deflection, and a forced fumble. He came up big again versus Georgia as he made 14 tackles, one tackle for loss, one sack for an 11-yard loss, a pass defensed, and a QB pressure. His totals also included

blocked field goals against North Carolina and Clemson.

1995: The **leading tackler in the ACC** achieved **double-figure tackles** in every game over the last nine games. Two of Brooking's most impressive games came **against Clemson and Georgia where he collected 20 tackles** each. His all-around outstanding effort propelled the Yellow Jackets over 17th-ranked Maryland as he had a game-high 13 stops, one for a 10-yard loss, a fumble recovery, a QB pressure, and a pass break-up. His effort against the Terps also included allowing -30 yards in the rushing department.

1994: He was **one of only four 'true' freshmen to see action** on defense for the Yellow Jackets. He made an impression as a back-up weakside 'backer as he totaled 43 tackles, including four for losses. His steady improvement earned him three starts on the year and his best outing was a season-high 10 tackle effort against Wake Forest.

Notebook

Projected by some people to go as high as #5 overall in the first round, the Falcons were ecstatic he was still on the board when their turn came at #12 and quickly phoned in their selection to New York from their war room. Keith was the highest player drafted from the area since former Georgia RB Garrison Hearst was the third overall choice by the Cardinals in '93. Besides being the first ever player selected by the birds in the first round from the state, Brooking was the first Georgia Tech player taken by the team since TE Ken Whisenhunt was chosen in the 12th round in '85. The last Yellow Jacket to go in the first round was DE Marco Coleman (also 12th) in '92. A longtime fan of ferocious former Steeler great Jack Lambert, Keith also plays the game with the same trademark intensity of a player his high school coach called him after - Dick Butkus. *"On the first day (as an inside linebacker) I laid a guy out. That's when they started calling me Dick, after Dick Butkus,"* Keith explained. He also loves to be called "a throwback player" and competes with a tough guy, lunch-pail type mentality. He came to The Flats at Georgia Tech as a 198-pounder and put on 20 pounds of muscle while working a summer construction job with good friend and former linebacker teammate Ron Rogers after his freshman year. After a grueling eight-hour shift in the sweltering heat of the Georgia sun, the pair would THEN lift weights for two more hours THEN run for another hour. The hard work paid off as Keith **set Tech records with 402 pounds in the clean and 700 pounds in the squat**. Brooking and Rogers would end their careers with 467 and 437 tackles, respectively, to finish first and third all-time on the school's charts. On numerous occasions (three as a senior) Brooking's aggressive nature had gotten him "kicked off" the Tech practice field by Head Coach George O'Leary for being too aggressive during non-contact segments of practice. At the age of five, Keith's parents (Harvey Brooking and Brenda Hembree) divorced and his mother brought foster children into their home whose parents were drug or alcohol-addicted and in rehabilitation. He was a surrogate brother to those children and grew up faster than most. *"You learn some of life's lessons fast in those circumstances,"* said the mature 22 year-old. Keith has still remained close to both parents through the years and they were amongst 30 relatives and friends at a draft day party in Senoia, Ga. The town (with a pop. of 900) was so proud of him that the local police force gave him an escort out of town as he drove the hour and a half to his press conference in Suwanee. Besides playing some little league baseball, football has been his passion for the last 17 years ever since he **strapped it up as a five year-old** in pee-wee football. *"I love the contact. I love the competition. I love everything about it."*

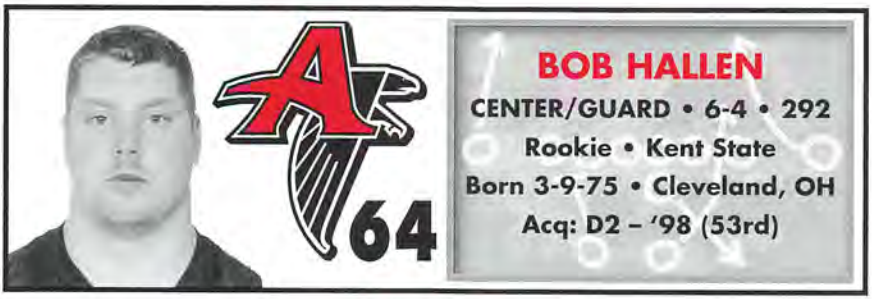
Personal

Keith Howard Brooking was born on October 30, 1975 in Senoia. He played about every snap at East Coweta High School as a linebacker and tight end as well as long snapper on punts and a member of the kickoff coverage and punt return teams for coach Danny Kronic. *"I came out one play a game - kickoff return,"* Brooking recalled. The Coweta County Player-of-the-Year was also voted co-team MVP by his teammates. This team captain helped East Coweta to an 8-2 record as a senior and was the winner of the school's Scholar-Athlete award. As an inside linebacker, he made 62 solo tackles and 62 assists for a 124 total. For his career, he managed 250 tackles, including 141 solos, in lettering three times. Keith also hauled in 28 receptions for 487 yards with five TD's that '93 season and for his career

totaled 53 catches for 622 yards and seven scores. Brooking has three brothers and sisters and majored in management at Tech. His new pro locker is next to his favorite Falcon, Jessie Tuggle, the only other Falcon to have played football in high school, college and now in the pro's all in the state of Georgia.

Brooking's College Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Tckls	TFL	INT's	Yds	LG	Sacks	FR	FF	PD	Press.
1994	11/3	43	4-9	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
1995	11/11	146	4-14	0	0	0	.5	3	0	3	5
1996	11/11	147	4-13	1	0	0	3.0	2	1	6	6
1997	11/11	131	8-19	2	25	25	2.0	1	0	3	8
Totals	**44/36**	**467**	**20-55**	**3**	**25**	**25**	**5.5**	**7**	**2**	**13**	**20**



College Career

The Falcons drafted a big, versatile, athletic lineman with their second round pick. Bob was a first-team All-Mid American Conference choice last year for starting each game at right tackle and **delivering 137 knockdown blocks**. Hallen graded out a high 89% for his blocking consistency in '97 to help Kent State boast the 12th ranked offense in the nation with an average of 442 yards per game. He bulldozed holes for RB Astron Whatley to gain 373 rushing yards vs. Eastern Michigan and to record 17 100-yard games in his career. He protected Kent State QB Todd Goebbel so well that the line surrendered only eight sacks the entire year and provided enough time to finish with the 10th-best passing attack, averaging 295 passing yards per game. Hallen started all four years at Kent State with **his first three years coming at the center position** and played all of a possible 44 games. This strong and powerful drive blocker **recorded 334 total "pancake" blocks**, including **20 in ONE game**, and **as a junior** was **voted the team's most outstanding offensive player**. He was such a dominating force for the Golden Flashes that he was **named the team's Offensive Player-of-the-Week four times** during his career. An All-American according to *The Poor Man's Guide to the NFL Draft* in '97, Hallen also was voted all-conference at center during his productive junior season. Bob opened up holes for the #2 ranked team in the conference in '96 and for RB Astron Whatley's two 1,000 rushing seasons and his 17 100-yard rushing games.

1997: Big Bob collected an unheard of **20 knockdown blocks** in putting on a blocking clinic as Kent State rolled to 551 yards in the air against Central Florida. He collared 10 knockdown blocks to aid the Golden Flashes rushing game to 367 yards vs. Eastern Michigan. He bulldozed a block in the backfield that brought down nose guard Lional Dalton to spring tailback Astron Whatley for a 91-yard scoring run in that game.

1996: Hallen was the school's **recipient of the Jack Lambert Award** given to the outstanding

offensive performer for anchoring the line from his center position. This All-MAC choice **earned team Player-of-the-Week honors twice** for his efforts against Pittsburgh and Youngstown State. He amassed 91 knockdowns on the year and grading out 83%. Bob provided outstanding pass protection as the Golden Flashes averaged 230 passing yards per game. He brought down linebacker DeShone Myles (Seahawks #4 pick this year) with a cut block on Goebbel's 76-yard TD pass to Eugene Baker as the offense piled up 585 yards vs. Nevada. He leveled DE Jason Taylor (Dolphins #3 pick in '97) on Goebbel's 8-yard scoring pass to Baker in a win over Akron.

1995: He totaled 90 knockdown blocks in his second season as the starting center. He opened the season with 11 "pancakes" , including a timely block that brought down LB Leon Jones on a two-yard TD run by flanker Kantroy Walker on a reverse as the team gained 386 yards vs. Youngstown State. He was named Offensive Player-of-the-Week for his play vs. Eastern Michigan.

1994: Hallen was shifted to center during fall practice and earned a starting spot in every contest. His first season as a starter included 55 knockdowns with six coming on a crushing upfield block to take down LB Phillip Dunn on Whatley's 71-yard TD run vs. Akron. He helped the Golden Flashes ramble for 259 rushing yards in that game as Whatley was named Freshman-of-the-Year in MAC. His efforts were recognized by the coaching staff as he captured his first Offensive Player-of-the-Week award after the Youngstown State game.

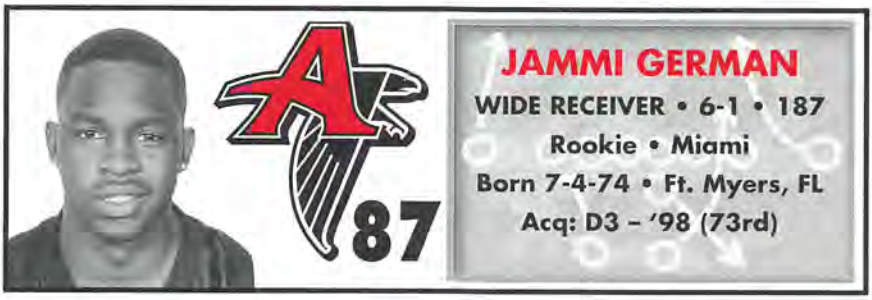
1993: Redshirted as a freshman.

Notebook

Bob is a good friend of former Kent State teammate and Falcons '97 draft pick, O.J. Santiago. O.J. stopped by the Falcons offices before Hallen was introduced to the media on the second day of the draft to welcome his new pro teammate. The pair started on the productive front lines for the Golden Flashes for three seasons ('94-96). Bob excelled at the Senior Bowl and was listed as the fastest interior lineman in the country by *USA Today* with a combine time of 4.97 and the #1 rated center, according to *The Sporting News* and *Buchsbaum's* pre-draft reports. He showed what kind of a team player he was when the coaching staff asked him to make the unusual switch to right tackle for his senior season and all he did was earn another all-conference nod in impressive fashion for the fourth straight season. Bob was the **recipient of the L&L football scholarship** provided by a school alum at Kent State for his academic and athletic excellence which included a **perfect 4.0 GPA** for the spring and fall semesters last year. He joins a list of Kent State players to be drafted in the pro's which dates back to tackle Al Kilgore of the old Chicago Cardinals in 1954 and includes the likes of former Falcons Gerald Tinker ('74-75) and Mike Zele ('79-83), Don Nottingham of the Baltimore Colts/Dolphins ('71-73, '73-77), Andy Harmon of the Eagles, Ken Walter of the Panthers, and the most famous alum in ex-Steeler Jack Lambert. The Falcons' honor roll now lists two centers from the same high school as Paul Ryzcek ('74-79) also attended Mentor (Oh.) High School. He is the **fifth Golden Flash alum to be drafted in the second round**, the highest selection by any player in school history. Bob will be able to reminisce with his roommate of four years, Steve Zahursky (free agent) when the Falcons practice against the Jaguars this summer. Considered the **strongest player on the team** during his time in the Kent, OH. school, he holds the **team record with a 495-pound bench press** and says he always been..."*the first player into the weight room and last to leave*". This steadfast dedication to weightlifting began as a 10th grader in high school and helped him add 60 pounds of muscle to his frame since arriving on campus. He bench pressed 225 pounds 34 times at the combine (with a personal-best of 43 reps coming in the school weight room) and also boasts a 555-pound squat. A quiet, unpretentious player, he majored in community health in college.

Personal

The son of Robert and Carol Hallen, Bob was born on March 9, 1975. The Hallen household also includes two older sisters and a pair of younger brothers. An All-Greater Cleveland League first-team pick, he was also an all-district, all-Lake County and an All-Ohio honorable mention choice at Mentor (Oh.) High School. Hallen anchored the offensive and defensive lines and served as **team captain** as well as being member of the school's **academic honor roll**. In '92, he was a big reason Mentor High posted a 10-2 record, captured a GCL title, and reached the regional finals before losing to St. Agnatius. Bob collected two letters in football and three in track. After football he has aspirations to be a fireman.



College Career

An **All-Big East Conference first-team pick in '95**, Jammi (pronounced JAY-me) **led the Hurricanes** with 41 receptions for 730 yards for a 17.8 average and three touchdowns as their starting flanker. The 730 receiving yards is the**10th highest total ever** for a single-season in Miami history. German's top game was an **169 yard** effort on six catches with **touchdowns of 77** and 30 yards against Temple. The 77-yard grab was the **longest by a Hurricane in four years** since Horace Copeland's 80-yarder in '91. Jammi snatched 8 passes for 111 yards vs. Pittsburgh, had four receptions for 66 yards vs. Syracuse, and totaled 90 yards on 4 receptions vs. West Virginia. His best collegiate season as a wide receiver also included a 59-yard scoring catch against Rutgers and six receptions against rival Florida State. In '94, German was an **All-Big East choice as a returner**, sporting a 9.1 average on punts and 21.6 mark on kickoffs. He returned 27 punts for 245 yards and 11 kickoffs for 237 yards. His season also included starting the first 10 games (and 11 of 12 overall) and posting 33 receptions for 391 yards for a 11.8 average with two scores to finish second on the team's charts (behind current Eagles starter Chris T. Jones). He began the season off in a big way by returning the opening kickoff 64-yards vs. Georgia Southern. Jammi amassed 136 yards on 4 catches, including **56 and 49-yard TD's off screen passes**, while returning two kickoffs for 43 more yards in his second career start against Arizona State. He collected seven receptions for 65 yards vs. Washington and a pair of punt returns for 54 yards against West Virginia. He gained 67 yards on three punt returns vs. Virginia Tech and hauled in three passes against Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. As a freshman for Miami in '93, he played in eight games and caught 16 passes (5th highest on squad) for 213 yards (13.3 average) and one score. He returned 13 punts for 129 yards (9.9 avg.) and four kickoffs for 69 yards (17.3). German returned six punts for 60 yards and had 3 catches for 41 yards against Temple. He caught four passes for 34 yards, including his first career TD from 13 yards out and added 70 yards on 5 punts in a win over Pittsburgh. He finished his career with 90 receptions for 1,334 yards and six TD's.

Notebook

Jammi suffered through some hardships in college. Because of an injury in '96 spring drills, he underwent reconstructive surgery on his right knee and was lost for the season. He was suspended by the NCAA for the '97 season because of involvement with an agent and a limo

ride, and subsequent investigation. But because of the strong upbringing of his mother, Claire Douglas, German worked as a student assistant volunteer coach with the Hurricanes last year and continued to try to complete requirements for his degree. Jammi owned up to his responsibility after his NCAA appeal was denied and voluntarily stayed at the football offices at Miami until every last media outlet had finished their interviews with him. When he wasn't helping to tutor the young Hurricane receiving corps and providing encouragement to the entire team, German was visiting South Florida area high schools such as Carol City and Miami Beach and talking to kids. He once told his mother, who raised five sons and a daughter as a single parent, that he would buy her a house someday when he was an eight-year old. Jammi has always been practical and his mother remembers him price-shopping before making purchases and he bought useful items for his family at Christmas rather than sentimental ones. A meticulous person, German always arranged his closets and drawers impeccably. *"Jammi has always been a leader,"* said Douglas. *"My other children were more of followers."* After suffering a nagging hamstring and knee injury as a freshman, he worked hard over the summer to get better and in one of his workout regimens he would harness himself to a 45-pound sled and run sprints. Before the summer was over he had competed and won a job as the starting flanker against current teammate Marcus Wimberly. Before the '98 draft *The Sporting News* called German *"the sleeper of the draft"*.

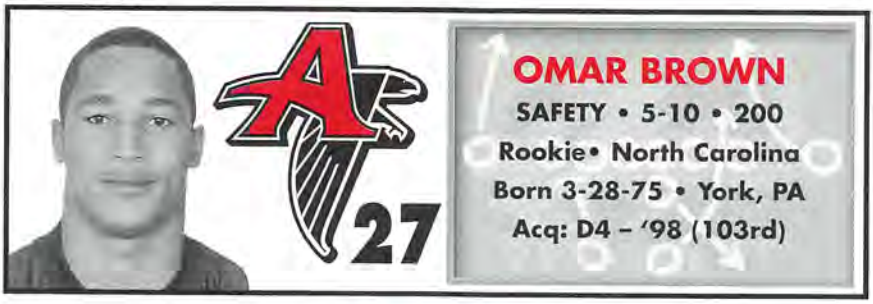
Personal

Jammi Darnell hails from the same Ft. Myers, Fl. area that produced former Falcon Deion Sanders. He was a **USA Today Defensive Player-of-the-Year** and a *Parade* first-team All-America as a senior at Ft. Myers High. This talented athlete played flanker, tailback and returner in addition to roaming the secondary. German caught 15 passes for 500 yards and four TD's, rushed for 625 yards with seven more scores for a **total of 11 TD's**, and averaged 45.2 yards per kickoff return as an offensive weapon. On defense, he registered 107 tackles with three pickoffs, six fumble recoveries and five forced fumbles while being named *Ft. Myers Press* Player-of-the-Year as well as a *Football News* Prep All-American, and *Blue Chip Illustrated's* Southeast Region Defensive Player-of-the-Year. Jammi established three records in the Georgia/Florida All-Star game including a 92-yard TD catch and 125 receiving yards to lead his team to a 21-7 victory. He started two years for the school's basketball team and competed in the 100 and 200 meter dashes for the track team. He ran the anchor leg for the 4x100 relay team that finished second in the state finals in his last season. German was one of the top prep players in the entire nation and one of the most highly recruited players in the country as a senior. Jammi's cousin, Donald Ellis, was a cornerback for the Hurricanes. A liberal arts major, he once spoke at William Turner High School during their Red Ribbon week festivities during the fall of '93. He has a built-in support group in Atlanta as a few of his cousins live in the area.

German's College Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Receiving	Yards	Average	Long	Touchdowns
1993	8/0	16	213	13.3	46	1
1994	11/10	33	391	11.9	56	2
1995	11/11	41	730	17.8	77	3
Totals:	**30/21**	**93**	**1,356**	**14.6**	**77**	**6**

	Kickoff Returns					Punt Returns					
Year	No.	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	No.	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Total Yds
1993	4	69	17.3	24	0	13	129	9.9	30	0	411
1994	11	237	21.6	64	0	27	245	9.1	37	0	873
Totals:	**15**	**306**	**20.4**	**64**	**0**	**40**	**374**	**9.4**	**37**	**0**	**2,014**



OMAR BROWN

SAFETY • 5-10 • 200
Rookie • North Carolina
Born 3-28-75 • York, PA
Acq: D4 – '98 (103rd)

College Career

Omar was one of the leaders of the powerful Tar Heels defense that boasted a **total of six players drafted** and seven overall, the 4th highest by any school in the country. The team's **defensive backfield signal-caller** the last two seasons amassed 275 tackles in 46 career games. Brown was an especially productive player in '96 and '97 as a starter at free safety as he collected 178 tackles, including a **career-high 97 stops** as a senior, 3rd-best on team. An **All-ACC selection** by *The Sporting News* in '97, **he started at least one game at all three secondary positions** during his career. He played cornerback in '94, strong safety in '95 and free safety in '96-97. Omar was a steadying influence in the secondary as a junior when he was teamed with three new starters and he molded the unit into the top pass defense in the ACC and the third overall defense in the country. With Brown's guiding hand, the secondary allowed only seven TD passes that season. As a sophomore starter in '95, he garnered conference Player-of-the-Week honors twice.

Year-by-Year

1997: His **all-conference** season included plenty of big games as he registered 10 or more tackles in six games. He made a season-high 12 tackles and an interception vs. Florida State and 10 stops with a theft in a close 16-13 win over Georgia Tech. Brown also added 11 tackles with a forced fumble and a pass defensed vs. Wake Forest, 10 stops vs. Virginia, and 11 more tackles against TCU.

1996: The **All-ACC second-team s**election moved to free safety and finished third on the team with 71 tackles, two forced fumbles, and a recovered fumble. He made eight tackles with 5 solos, a forced fumble, and pass defensed in a shutout of Georgia Tech. Omar collared seven tackles against Florida State, 10 stops vs. Houston and Louisville.

1995: Brown started the first nine games at strong safety and recorded 66 tackles with an interception. He collared a **career-high 13 tackles with 9 solos** and forced a fumble to earn Player-of-the-Game honors vs. Georgia Tech. Against Virginia, Omar was selected as the **ACC Defensive Back-of-the-Week** with his seven tackle performance which also included a pair of batted down passes on the Cavaliers' final possession to seal a 22-17 win. He did not play vs. N.C. State and in the Carquest Bowl against Arkansas because of a concussion suffered in the Duke contest (Nov. 18).

1994: As a redshirt freshman, he played in every game and started against TCU and Florida State. He made three tackles, forced a fumble, and picked off his first career pass to help the Heels defeat the Wolfpack 31-17. In a 50-0 rout of Wake Forest, Brown recorded a season-high eight tackles.

Notebook

Omar was the fourth Carolina defensive player to be drafted following first rounders

selections of DE Greg Ellis (Dallas - 8th) , Brian Simmons (Cincy - 17th) and DT Vonnie Holiday (Green Bay - 19th). LB Kivuusama Mays (Minnesota - 4th), CB Robert Williams (Kansas City - 5th) and RB Jonathan Linton (Buffalo - 5th) were the other Tar Heels selected this year. With Brown patrolling the secondary, the Tarheels boasted a 35-12 record and .745 winning percentage in his four years, including 10-1 and 10-2 finishes, respectively, the last two seasons. He also enjoyed three straight Bowl victories and four total trips to the post-season with two games at the Gator Bowl, a Carquest Bowl bid and Sun Bowl appearance. Brown seemed to have his best college games against nearby Georgia Tech (35 total tackles, including a personal-best of 13 in '95 with two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery, and theft), but will now be on the same defense with fellow draftee Keith Brooking. Omar lists Walter Payton as the football player he pretended to be as a kid and Gary Payton as his favorite athlete to watch play today. A communication studies major in college, he was a member of a 15-player Leadership Committee. He's an aggressive hitter who built up his neck and shoulders between his sophomore and junior seasons so his body could withstand those hits he hands out and he improved his bench press to 365 pounds. Because of their temperament to deliver the big hits, the Carolina secondary dubbed themselves the "Rude Boys".

Personal

Omar L. Brown was an *Associated Press* all-state choice as both a cornerback and running back at William Penn Senior High School in York, Pa. He was also the *Daily Record's* County Player-of-the-Year and the *York Dispatch* & York Quarterback Club **Player-of- the- Year**. His stellar defensive play as a senior included 78 tackles (36 solos) and five pickoffs as he guided William Penn to the county title. Brown also averaged 10.7 yards per rush as a senior, gaining 855 yards with 11 TD's as a runner, and scored on a punt and kickoff as a returner. He rushed for 150 yards or more in three games with his best effort covering 168 yards on just seven carries. This two-time All-County choice was named to the state's "Super 24" team. Omar's high school basketball team reach the state semifinals and he lettered three times in basketball and track as a 100 meter sprinter.

Brown's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Tckls	INT's	Yds	LG	TD	Sacks	FR	FF	PD
1994	11/2	31	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
1995	10/9	66	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
1996	11/11	71	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	6
1997	11/11	97	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
Totals:	**43/33**	**265**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**6**	**21**

Falcons Radio Rights Through The Years

- 1966 through 1974 (9 seasons) WQXI AM 790
- 1975 through 1984 (10 seasons) WGST AM 640
- 1985 through 1993 (9 seasons) WSB AM 750
- 1994 through 1990 (3 seasons) Z-93 FM 92.9
- 1997 through 2000 (3 seasons) WGST AM 640

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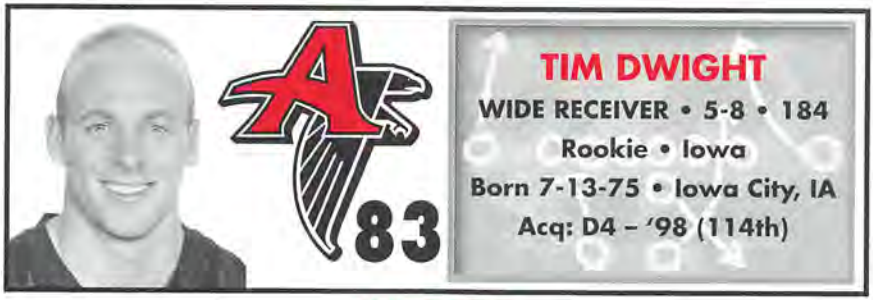

College Career

Tim was one of the most exciting players in the country during his brilliant career at Iowa.

- Finished 7th in balloting for the Heisman Trophy in '97.
- Consensus All-American as a return specialist by *Associated Press, American Football Coaches Association, The Sporting News*, and *Football Writers Association*.
- **Led nation** with a 19.3 average on 19 punt returns in '97, including touchdowns of 92-yards vs. Indiana (3rd longest ever at Iowa), 61-yards vs. Michigan, and 44 yards vs. Minnesota.
- Broke the oldest standing single-season or career school record of '39 Heisman Trophy winner Nile Kinnick with his 440 yards on 24 returns as a junior.
- Established a Big Ten record with 5 career punt return TD's and tied a single-season Big Ten mark with three TD's.
- Led Big Ten in punt returns three times in last four seasons.
- **All-Time Big Ten leader** in career punt return yardage with 1,102 on 76 returns.
- Ranks 1st in Iowa history in career receiving yards with 2,271, 3rd in catches with 139, 3rd in TD's with 32 and tied for 6th in scoring with 192 points.
- Shares Iowa record and ranks 11th in Big Ten with 21 receiving career TD's.
- Only Iowa player ever to surpass 1,000 career yards in receiving, punt returns and kickoff returns.
- Scored touchdowns via rushing, receiving, punt returns and threw for two scores.

Year-by-Year

1997: For his **punt return TD's vs. Indiana, Michigan and Minnesota** was voted the conference's special teams Player-of-the-Week. Tim was also named offensive MVP by Iowa coaches vs. Iowa State, Indiana, and Wisconsin as well as the offensive hustle award vs. Ohio State, Michigan, Minnesota, and Northern Iowa. He ran away with the AT&T Long Distance award for **leading the nation in punt return yardage**. Dwight started all 12 games at wide receiver to end his career at 35 in-a-row. He ranked 7th in the Big Ten in scoring (6.0),and all-purpose yards with 121.3 a game. He hauled in **eight receptions for 187 yards and three scores at Iowa State** with scoring catches of 41, 33, and 29 yards. Tim caught seven passes for 90 yards vs. Ohio State, accounting for nearly half of Iowa's receiving yards. He returned three punts for 80 yards and two kickoffs for 82 yards and his **61-yard punt return TD** on the final play of the first half gave Iowa a 21-7 lead over Michigan. Most of his kickoff return yardage came on a 72-yarder in the third quarter and led to a Hawkeye field goal and a 24-21 advantage. Besides his **92-yard TD on a punt return vs. Indiana**, he also added a 64-yard pass to Damon Gibson for a score.

1996: Tim **set Iowa single-season record with 440 punt return yards** on 24 runbacks for a **18.3 average**, which was **second-best in the nation**. He also established an Alamo Bowl mark for receptions in a game with 6 and longest catch with a 51-yarder en route to his third 100-yard receiving game of the season with 105. His **86-yard punt return vs. Ohio State** was the 4th longest ever at the school and his **83-yarder vs. Penn State** was the 5th longest ever. He was the teams top receiver with 51 catches for 751 yards and four TD's. He averaged 123.8 all-purpose yards a game and 15.5 yards every time he touched the ball. He scored four times on receptions, three on rushes, and twice on punt returns. His **longest reception came on a 65-yard catch vs. Penn State** and had a **career-best 188 receiving yards** (6th-best ever on school's charts) on eight receptions **vs. Northwestern**. He also

added 134 yards through the air on seven catches and a score vs. Minnesota.

1995: Dwight **led the Hawkeyes in receptions** and yards with 46 for 816 in his first season as a wide receiver. His **nine receiving TD's was the second-best season mark ever** to Quinn Early's 10 in '87. He averaged 121.8 all-purpose yards per game and even added eight tackles on kickoff and punt teams. Tim set an Iowa record for kickoff returns in a game with nine vs. Ohio State and gained 143 yards. He hauled in eight passes for 147 yards and two scores vs. Minnesota along with 50 more yards on two kickoff returns. His totals also read a 56-yard rushing TD vs. Indiana and a 55-yard TD grab vs. Ohio State.

1994: He saw action in all 11 games on both offense as a running back and a defensive back. Tim **led the Big Ten in punt returns with a 12.4 average** and was 13th in kickoff returns with a 19.9 mark. Tim became the first Hawkeye to play both ways in a game since Jonathan Hayes in '82. He amassed nine solo tackles and three assists on defense for the year and carried the ball 13 times for 58 yards. His first-ever touchdown came on a one-yard run vs. Central Michigan. Dwight also threw a nine-yard TD pass to QB Matt Sherman against Minnesota and added three special teams tackles and a forced fumbled punt that led to Iowa's first score.

"Tim is like Superman, he's all heart. He's the greatest competitor I've ever had in 45 years of coaching. He's the most exciting player I've had in 18 years here."

- Hayden Fry
Iowa Head Coach

Notebook

Iowa Head Coach Hayden Fry's quote sums up the impact that Tim Dwight had in the Hawkeye program for four years. It's quite a compliment when you consider Fry has coached such Pro Bowl players as Ronnie Harmon, Andre Tippett, Reggie Roby and Merton Hanks. Dwight's kamikaze style is not limited to just the football field. Called *"a little crazy"* by former teammate and current Jaguars 4th rounder Tavian Banks, Tim has raced motorcycles, jumped off apartment balconies into snowdrifts, and run headlong into oncoming tacklers on purpose. While swimming with some friends in the Wisconsin River he noticed a towering cliff that he just had to climb and jump off. So after letting a tour boat pass Tim leaped over the edge and landed in the middle of group of jet skiers. *"They were, like, 'Where did you come from? I said, 'From up there,'"* said Dwight. *"They said, 'You're crazy, dude!'"*. Of course, there are plenty of other things Tim hasn't done yet which include *"bungee jumping, skydiving, and whitewater rafting"*, to name just a few. Dwight made an impression on other coaches throughout his outstanding career. After he zigzagged his way to a 61-yard punt return TD against Michigan, returned a kickoff 72-yards to set-up a field goal and a caught a pass for seven yards Wolverines Head Coach Lloyd Carr praised his all-around play AND called him *"the best blocking receiver"* he'd ever seen. Penn State Head Coach Joe Paterno noted, *"One of the guys who beat us almost by himself last year is the kid at Iowa. He's amazing."* Iowa coaches even had the all-purpose dynamo **as a nickel back on defense last season**, but shelved the plan for fear of burning him out. The senior team captain was given another honor when he was compared to another Iowa legend who played both ways on the Hawkeye's Ironmen squad of '39 and captured the Heisman Trophy in Nile Kinnick. Dwight has also drawn comparisons to former perennial Pro Bowl special teammer Steve Tasker of the Bills. A big-time track athlete, Dwight competed on both the indoor and outdoor teams for his last three seasons. He finished second in the 55 meters (6.36), fifth in the 200 meters (21.94) and sixth in the long jump (23' 41/4") at a Big Ten indoor meet. He followed that up with a third place clocking in the 100 meters (10.45) and a fifth place showing (20.99) at the Big Ten outdoor meet as a junior. Tim has qualified for the NCAA indoor finals before with a 21.21 time in the 200 meters and at the NCAA outdoor finals in the 100 meters with a 10.31 time. His busy track schedule also had him run a leg on the 4x400 meter relay team which ended up second and the 4x100 meter relay squad that finished third at the Big Ten finals in '96.

DWIGHT

Personal

A high school All-American by *Street & Smith, Blue Chip Illustrated*, *Super Prep* and *Prep Football Report* at Iowa City (Iowa) H.S., Tim **scored 80 touchdowns** and rushed for 4,047 yards during his career. The '93 *Gatorade* Circle of Champions Player-of-the-Year became the first player to ever earn back-to-back Missouri Valley Conference Player-of-the-Year honors. This two-time all-state performer led Iowa City to the Class 4A state title as a senior, rushing for 2,113 yards on 196 carries with a **state record 43 TD's**. He also excelled **in track by winning 12 state, 10 Drake Relays and 15 conference titles** as he led the team to three straight state championships. He was one of three Iowa prep athletes to win the state title four times in one event, the 200 meter dash. For his efforts he was afforded the *Gatorade* Iowa Track Athlete-of-the-Year honors in '92-93. Dwight is looking to earn his degree in sports management next May.

Dwight's College Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rush	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
1994	11/0	13	58	5.3	31	1	0	0	0	0	0
1995	11/9	7	111	15.9	56	1	43	776	18.1	55	9
1996	11/11	9	68	7.6	19	3	45	646	14.4	65	4
1997	11/11	8	85	10.6	50	0	39	653	16.7	45	8
Totals:	**44/31**	**37**	**322**	**8.7**	**56**	**6**	**127**	**2,075**	**16.3**	**65**	**21**

	Kickoff Returns					Punt Returns					
Year	No.	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	No.	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Total Yds
1994	14	278	19.9	35	0	13	161	12.4	42	0	497
1995	21	407	19.4	33	0	13	106	8.2	52	0	1,400
1996	12	227	18.9	25	0	22	417	19.0	86	2	1,358
1997	8	229	28.6	72	0	19	367	19.3	92	3	1,334
Totals:	**55**	**1,141**	**20.7**	**72**	**0**	**67**	**1,051**	**15.7**	**92**	**5**	**4,684**

All-Purpose Yards

Year	Receiving	Rushing	PR	KR	Yds	Gm/Avg
1994	0	58	161	278	497	45.18
1995	776	111	106	407	1,400	127.27
1996	646	68	417	227	1,358	123.45
1997	653	85	367	229	1,334	121.27
Totals:	**2,075**	**322**	**1,051**	**1,141**	**4,589**	**104.30**

Defensive Stats

Year	Tckls	INT's	Yds	FR	FF	TFL
1994	12	0	0	0	1	0
1995	7	0	0	0	0	0
1996	2	0	0	1	1	1-11
1997	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	**23**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**1-11**

Additional Stats

* Completed 1 pass for 9 yard TD in '94 and went 2-2 for 86 yards with a 64-yard TD in '97.

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ELIJAH WILLIAMS

CORNERBACK • 5-10 • 181
Rookie • Florida
Born 8-20-75 • Milton, FL
Acq: D6 – '98 (165th)

College Career

Elijah made the transition from college tailback to cornerback for his senior season in the competitive SEC and was the co-winner of Florida's **"Unselfish Award"**. One of the leaders on the 10-2 Gators, he was chosen as a team captain by his fellow players. Williams **started the final 10 games on the corner** and totaled 33 tackles with 26 solo stops. He also added a forced and recovered fumble with nine passes defensed to his '97 credits. A special teams contributor, he blocked two kicks on the year vs. LSU and South Carolina. In his first career start he made three solo tackles and deflected a pass vs. Central Michigan. In a big showdown with Tennessee, Elijah had four tackles and two pass breakups and posted five stops and another deflection vs. Vanderbilt. He collared a season and career-high six solo tackles with a pair of deflections in a huge 32-29 victory over Florida State. Williams closed out his college career and only season on defense in high fashion with five tackles, a 6-yard sack, two stops for losses, an interception, a pass break-up, and a 26-yard kickoff return in a win over Penn State in the Citrus Bowl.

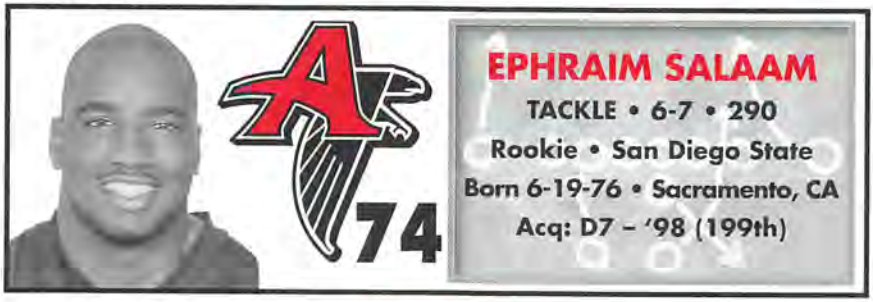
In '96, he started nine games at tailback and led the team with 671 yards on 106 carries with four TD's. He rushed 13 times for 109 yards and a TD vs. LSU and picked up 116 yards on 16 attempts vs. Auburn. His sophomore season in the backfield included a school-record 7.5 rushing average in seven starts and 858 rushing yards with seven scores. Elijah also led all running backs with his 22 receptions for 277 yards. He punished Georgia with 143 rushing yards on just 15 tries in a 52-17 rout. He exploded for a 70-yard TD run vs. South Carolina and 215 all-purpose yards (126 rush, 89 rec.) with three TD's (two on the ground) against Vandy. Williams was afforded All-Freshman honors in the SEC by the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* for finishing second on the team with 652 yards and four scores in 11 games played. In his first college game, Williams collected 96 yards on 13 attempts and a 15-yard catch vs. New Mexico State.

Notebook/Personal

Elijah changed backfields for his senior season at the request of the Florida coaching staff and was an important contributor for the defense. He opened the door for Fred Taylor to gain 1,292 yards with 13 TD's, the 4th highest total all-time for a single-season in school history. Taylor was selected by the Jaguars with the ninth overall selection in the first round. Williams posted some impressive numbers of his own in three years as a Gator runner and his 2,181 rushing yards was more than first round choice Robert Edwards (1,955) from Georgia. His winning experience at Florida included a National Championship (in '96) and three consecutive SEC Championships ('94-96). He started three Bowl games for the Gators in the '96 Fiesta Bowl, '97 Sugar Bowl and the '98 Citrus Bowl as well playing in the '95 Sugar Bowl. With the position change, he now has a chance to try to knock down passes instead of catch them from his former QB Danny Wuerffel of the Saints. An honorable mention All-American by *USA Today*, Elijah was one of the most highly regarded backs in the high school ranks in '92. This first team all-state of Florida choice from Milton (Fl.) High was also a Scholastic Coach/Gatorade and *Super Prep Magazine* All-American. He gained 1,232 rushing yards with 20 TD's on 120 carries for a 10.3 average and caught 11 passes for 240 yards in one season. Williams was also one of the state's top defensive backs as a junior. The son of Joseph and Elizabeth Cobb has a stepbrother, Greg Allen, who was a former standout runner at Florida State. He lists "Rocket" Ismail as his favorite sports personality.

College Statistics

343 rushes for 2,181 yards with 15 TD's, 63 catches for 842 yards with 4 TD's in 34 games



College Career

Ephraim (pronounced EE-frum) was a solid three-year starter as both a right and left tackle for the Aztecs of San Diego State. Salaam played in 31 games during his college career and recorded **203 knockdown blocks**. He graded out a stellar 91% for his blocking consistency in his career. With his long arms and quick feet he was able to register 25 touchdown producing blocks, according to the San Diego State coaching staff, and also added 67 downfield blocks in four seasons. As a freshman, he lined up as a defensive end but was moved to the offensive line as a starter in '95. He showed off his athleticism by averaging 4.4 points per game for the Aztecs basketball team last year.

1997: He was a force in nine games at 'quick' tackle vs. Washington, Wisconsin, and Air Force before switching to 'split' tackle for the final six contests. Salaam collected 56 pancake blocks and he graded out 84% for an offense that averaged 222 yards per game passing as he earned a spot on the All-WAC second-team. He finished with eight pancakes as the Aztecs rushed for 200 yards in a 48-21 defeat of rival San Jose State.

1996: An All-Western Athletic Conference second-teammer, Epraim started 10 games at the all-important left tackle spot. He **recorded a personal-best of 96 knockdown blocks** and cleared the way for a San Diego State offense to average 477 yards a contest. He posted a career-high 11 pancakes as SDSU gained 343 yards through the air against San Jose State. His crunching block near the goal line pushed two defenders into the end zone to pave the way for a 7-yard TD run by George Jones as the offense racked up 537 yards in a win over Fresno State.

1995: In his first season on the O-line, he was in the starting lineup for every game at left tackle. Big Ephraim notched 51 pancake blocks for a unit which led the WAC with an average of 482 yards per game. His blocks enabled the Aztecs to roll up 229 rushing yards vs. California, and 421 total yards vs. Nevada.

1994: He made one appearance against Hawaii as a reserve defensive lineman.

Notebook/Personal

Because of his academic prowess, Ephraim was able to skip two grades in elementary school and enrolled at San Diego State as a 16 year-old. Salaam teamed up with best friend and roommate Kyle Turley (first round pick by the Saints) as a formidable pair on the line at San Diego State for three seasons. The other offensive player from that SDSU squad to be drafted into the NFC West was RB Az Hakim by the Rams. Salaam and Turley will get a chance to showcase their talents in front of their offensive line coach in college as Ed White will tutor the line for the Rams for the first time this season. Both players credit their development to the expertise delivered by White as both were converted defensive lineman. *"We said five years ago that in our senior year we're going to lead the nation in sacks,"* said Salaam. *"But instead of trying to lead the nation in sacks, we tried to lead the nation in NOT giving up sacks."* Ephraim had one of his best games of his collegiate career against former #1 pick of the Buccaneers in Cal defensive end Regan Upshaw in '95. In his very first game on offense, he leveled Upshaw on a one-yard scoring play and registered seven knockdowns in all to help SDSU pile up 229 rushing yards. In '96, Salaam took down current teammate Barry Mitchell with a jarring forearm to spring an Aztec for a 10-yard scoring run against

Idaho as his team amassed 476 yards. The 6-7, 290 pounder was known as the "Shaq of the WAC" for his powerful moves to the hole for the Aztec basketball team.

Personal

Ephraim Mateen Salaam was born on June 9, 1976 in Chicago. His brother played on defensive line for legendary coach Eddie Robinson at Grambling and his father was a basketball player at South Carolina. A two-time All-Delta League choice, Salaam was also a second-team All-Metro choice during his three-year career as a two-way lineman at Florin H.S. in Sacramento, Ca. He collared 46 tackles, including 11 stops in one game with four sacks, three recovered fumbles and two forced fumbles. Ephraim was a tall presence on the school's basketball team and received two Bronze Panther academic awards during his prep days.

College Career

Ken rushed for 2,872 yards, **5th best all-time**, with **12 100-yard games** for the Hokies of Virginia Tech. Oxendine (OX-indine) earned second-team All-Big East honors as a senior and first team accolades as a junior. This durable back **totaled 237 carries in '97, the most by any back at the school since '81**. A tough, workhorse, he still averaged over 5 yards per carry for his career despite logging 568 carries in 43 games. The quick-footed Oxendine **helped the Hokies to four prestigious Bowl games** (Sugar, Orange and Gator twice) while producing 210 total yards in the Orange Bowl vs. Nebraska (150 rush, 60 receiving). His 161 points scored stands as the 6th best mark in school annals.

1997: Ken gained 904 rushing yards, including five 100-yard games, with eight TD's as a senior. He picked up 160 yards on the ground on 28 tries with a 30-yard and one-yard TD runs in a defeat of Temple. In a big win over Miami, Oxendine rambled for 147 yards and tallied 105 and 104, respectively, vs. Miami of Ohio and Rutgers.

1996: The **All-Big East first-teamer** led Virginia Tech with 890 yards, a 5.9 average, and a **career-best and single-season school record 13 TD's**. In a shutout of Temple, Oxendine rushed for **personal-best 163 yards** and three TD's, including a 71-yarder. He added 140 yards and two TD's vs. Southwestern LA. and 111 yards on 19 carries with two scores against Pitt. Included in his super season was the 150 yard rushing day with 60 more yards receiving in the Orange Bowl.

1995: Despite playing in only nine games as a reserve, he flashed his skills by finishing with the fourth best total in the Big East with 593 yards and four TD's. Ken ran for 135 yards on 14 attempts with a score vs. Akron and 118 yards on 19 carries vs. Syracuse.

1994: He played in 10 games with starts against East Carolina and Temple. His best outings were a 78-yard rushing day against Syracuse and a 71-yard game vs. Temple.

Notebook/Personal

Ken showed the kind of runner he would be in his first season in '94 as he reeled off a 53-yard TD scamper against West Virginia on his second collegiate carry to become the first

'true' freshman at Tech to run for a TD in one of his first two carries since Cyrus Lawrence did the same on his second run back in '79. He also had a 62-yard TD jaunt against Syracuse to become the first true freshman to record two rushing TD's of 50 or more yards in a season since freshmen became eligible in '72. He continued to get better the next season when the opportunity presented itself as he ended up as the fourth-leading rusher in the competitive Big East despite missing the first two games and not starting a game all season. The thick-legged runner set a Hokie record for backs with a 570 pound squat. Ken was a Virginia High School (4A), *USA Today* and *Associated Press* Player-of-the-Year at Thomas Dale H.S. in Chester, Va. His career which totaled 3,256 yards and 34 TD's saw him land on the All-Southern Team, Dixie Dozen and Gatorade Circle of Champions. He was also named an *AP* All-Group first-team linebacker and was the second-leading tackler on the team while picking off four passes. He guided Thomas Dale to a 35-4 record in his three years as a starter and advanced to the Central Region Division 6 final three times, winning twice. Oxendine rushed for 189 yards in an overtime loss to eventual '93 state champion Annandale. Also, in three playoff games he ran 69 times for 595 yards for an average of 8.6 yards and 198 yards per contest. On the heels of those lofty numbers he was named the ninth-best recruit in the country by the National Recruiting Advisor. Ken Qwarious was born on Oct. 4, 1974 in Richmond, Va. The son of Carl Waller and Viola Oxendine was a psychology major at Virginia Tech.

Oxendine College Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rush	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
1994	10/2	33	258	7.8	62	2	8	30	3.8	9	0
1995	9/0	106	593	5.6	68	4	13	89	6.8	16	0
1996	9/5	150	890	5.9	71	13	4	74	18.5	52	0
1997	11/7	237	904	3.8	46	8	13	96	7.4	21	0
Totals:	**39/14**	**526**	**2,645**	**5.2**	**71**	**27**	**38**	**289**	**7.6**	**52**	**0**

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HENRY SLAY

DEF. TACKLE • 6-2 • 290

Rookie • West Virginia

Born 4-28-75 • Cleveland, OH

Acq: D7 – '98 (203rd)

College Career

Henry was a three-year starter as the anchor in the middle of the line for West Virginia's defense as he registered 203 tackles and added 15 QB sacks in 46 games played and 39 starts. Slay was responsible for **28 tackles for losses** in his career, tying him with Daryll Talley for **second most in school history**. He also forced four fumbles and recovered a pair of fumbles. Last year, he was second on the team in sacks with 7 and tackles for losses with 6 (for a minus 26 yards) and was fifth on the Mountaineers in tackles with a career-high 59 to earn third-team All-American honors by *AP* and **All-Big East first-team** accolades. A second-team All-Big East defensive tackle in '96, he amassed 58 tackles, including a **career-high 10 tackles for losses**, with three sacks. In a big 28-17 win over Miami, Slay had three QB sacks to go along with his nine tackles in being named the Big East and *College Sports News*' Player-of-the-Week. With his presence in the trenches, he guided a unit that was #1

in the entire nation for much of the season. He dominated Pitt with three tackles for losses out of his six overall stops and added a sack. He collared nine tackles and had six tackles at Purdue with a six-yard sack. In '95, Henry was an All-ECAC nose tackle with his 59 tackles, 6th-best on the team. Against Temple, he recorded six solo stops with two sacks and two tackles for losses. At East Carolina, Slay collected seven tackles, one for a loss, while forcing two fumbles and recovering one with just :44 left in the game. He played every game in '94 with six starts. He totaled seven tackles with a sack and a forced fumble vs. Virginia Tech. Slay was selected as West Virginia's defensive rookie-of-the-year in '93 for his work on the scout team and was the units rookie-of-the-week five times (Maryland, Miami, Missouri, Boston College, Rutgers).

Notebook/Personal

Voted a team captain last year, Henry is a tough-nosed, hard working self-made player. *"Henry Slay is everything good in college athletics,"* said WVU defensive coordinator Steve Dunlap. *"He's a product of hard work and determination. It's fun to watch players develop over the years and with Henry it's been especially satisfying."* He was named the "best conditioned athlete" heading into his senior season after spring drills. His impact in the community was so strong that the General Assembly of Ohio (and two senators in particular) singled him out with a resolution honoring his leadership on and off the field through the years. Mountaineer fans will receive a chance to see how Slay's new pro career is coming along in the preseason when the Falcons play the Steelers at his old stadium on August 22. He patterns his quickness and tenacity after his favorite player, Bruce Smith, of the Bills. His older brother, Ed, was the first Slay to play football at the college level as he excelled at Ohio University. Henry graduated early by earning his marketing degree from West Virginia in December with a **3.25 GPA** and was a member of the **athletic directors' academic honor roll**. Henry was a conference MVP and all state of Ohio product at Elyria (Ohio) West H.S. He was the *Lorraine Plain Dealer* **Player-of-the-Year** and named as one of the top 33 players in the state by the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. He was a three-year letterman and team captain. Slay followed closely the path of another Elyria West High product in Cincinnati Bengal Steve Tover.

Slay's College Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Tckls	INT's	Yds	LG	Sacks	FR	FF	TFL
1994	12/6	27	0	0	0	1.0	0	1	3
1995	11/10	59	0	0	0	4.0	2	2	7
1996	12/12	58	0	0	0	3.0	0	0	10
1997	11/11	59	0	0	0	7.0	0	1	6
Totals:	**46/39**	**203**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**15**	**2**	**4**	**26**

1997 Draft Review

- Falcons had 9 choices and ALL 9 made the roster and played at some point.
- Two Falcons made **All-Rookie** teams (#2 Byron Hanspard and #6 Calvin Collins).
- Three played ALL 16 games (Hanspard, Collins and #4 Henri Crockett).
- One started the season opener (#3 TE O.J. Santiago).
- Six rookies played 10 or more games.
- One set a new Club Record (Hanspard's 77-yard rush).
- One was NFC Rookie of the Month of December (Hanspard for 99-yard KOR TD).
- One was NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Hanspard).

Jeremy Akers

Corey Allen

Octavus Barnes

David Akers signed last year as a rookie with the Carolina Panthers (behind John Kasay). David had kicked collegiately at Louisville, scoring 219 points in four seasons. His 36 FG's tied the school record, while he nailed 111 PAT's. He boomed a 51-yarder in '94 vs Texas A & M, while nailing 47 and 45-yarders in the same game in '95. David was a two-time first team All-State pick in high school in Kentucky (Tates Creek in Lexington). He got the college's attention with a 50-yard FG in high school and booming 74% on his kickofs into the end zones. He also doubled as the punter (40.7). David Roy Akers is married (Erika).

Jeremy Akers arrived in Atlanta as an undrafted college free agent and spent his entire rookie season on the practice squad, learning from Coach Art Shell. Jeremy played major college ball for the Fighting Irish, helping the team rush for 271 yards a game as a senior. He came back from a shoulder dislocation and knee surgery to prove himself at Notre Dame. He grew up in the Washington, D.C. area after being born in New York City. Jeremy played at St. Albans, where he also was a standout defensive lineman. In prep school, he once had a game that featured 22 tackles, 3 QB sacks and a fumble recovery. As good in the classroom as he was on the field, Akers earned his college degree in economics with a concentration in computer applications (3.3 average).

Corey Allen hails from right here in metro Atlanta, having been a two-time first-team All-State player at North Clayton High in the suburb of Riverdale. Corey was a captain on an 11-0 team as he caught 11 TD passes on offense, intercepted 5 passes on defense and returned a punt for a TD on special teams. Then, Allen "stayed home" and went to the University of Georgia in '94, where he played seven games as a true freshman and catching passes from senior Eric Zeier. Allen leaves Georgia with 35 games played in with 68 catches for 957 yards and 5 TD's. His career as a Bulldog ended on a high note as he caught the game-winning pass in the closing seconds to bear arch-rival Georgia Tech in the season finale. Allen had made a memorable play as a junior, too, when he caught a 30-yard TD pass from Mike Bobo on the last play of regulation at Auburn to send that game into overtime as the Bulldogs came back to win that wild 56-49 four-OT game. He's already played in the Georgia Dome ('95 Peach Bowl).

Octavus Barnes set a trio of Tar Heel all-time records with 19 TD's receiving, with an 18.6 per catch average for his career, and most 100-yard games (7). Octavus finished 2nd all-time at UNC in yards and 10th all-time in the ACC (2,398 yards) and 3rd all-time at UNC in catches (129). "Tay" produced 10 "big play" catches of 50 or more yards. These impressive numbers do not include his Bowl performances, either, that were record-setting. In the '94 Sun Bowl vs. Texas, Barnes had a 9-catch, 165-yard day with a 50-yard TD catch. He had also scored an 18-yard TD vs. West Virginia in the Gator Bowl in '96. As a sophomore, Octavus set the Carolina mark for most yards receiving in a season (970) on 53 catches. Barnes had a 211-yard game in '95 (vs. Ohio U.) that was second best ever in Tar Heel history. With his 8 catches that day, he averaged 26.4 per catch. He had a streak of four straight 100-yard receiving games that year (Louisville, Ohio, Virginia, Georgia Tech). Barnes made his entry into the ACC a conference record-setting 609 yards, most ever by a freshman. Punt returning was another skill of Barnes, as he led the ACC in '94 with his 10.8

Brian Brennan

Mark Campbell

Michael Edwards

return average (14-151). A North Carolina native, Barnes hails from Wilson (Hunt High) where he played quarterback two years before becoming a WR.

Brian Brennan passed for over 5,000 yards for the Vandals of Idaho, overcoming shoulder surgery his junior year. The 6-5 Brennan certainly saw his targets, hitting an impressive 42 TD passes against just 10 career interceptions. Brian's senior year saw him complete 218 of his 387 passes (56%) for 2,708 yards with 19 TD's and just 5 picks. Brian had become a starter as a freshman at Idaho, hitting 116-200 (58%) for 1,766 yards with 18 TD's and just 4 Int's that first year in college. Brennan followed QB Doug Nussmeier ('94 spring draft) as the starter at Idaho. Idaho plays their home games in a Dome Stdaium, so he'll be comfortable inside the NFL dome stadiums, including Atlanta's Georgia Dome. Brennan hails from the northwest, playing his high school ball in Lacey, Washington (North Thurston High). He was born Nov. 5, 1974 in Olympia, Washington.

Mark Campbell had been a 3rd round draft pick in 1996 (78th) by Denver out of the U. of Florida. In two years with Denver, he was on the 53-player active roster for two years, but was made "inactive" before each game. On August 14 last year, Denver released him and he was immediately claimed on waivers and went to the Arizona Cardinals the next day. In '97 for Arizona, Mark dressed out for 7 games and played in 4, while being inactive the other 9 games. His '97 NFL totals included 5 tackles. Mark started every game his final three years for Florida ('93-95), playing in 46 games (37 starts) over his four years for the Gators and playing in a Bowl each year. As a senior DE, Campbell was All-SEC on a defensive line that featured Kevin Carter and Ellis Johnson. Campbell's U.of Florida numbers were 127 tackles, 17 QB sacks, 37 QB pressures, 33 tackles for losses, three fumble recoveries, and five forced fumbles. He had stayed in-state for college after a big 18-sack senior season at Miami's Sunset High School. Mark was born on Sept. 12, 1972 in Jamaica.

Michael Edwards was an all-Big West selection at the tough left tackle spot in pass-oriented Nevada's offense. Nevada led the nation in Mike's junior year in total offense with QB John Dutton (Confernce Player of Year) throwing 22 TD passes. Last year, Edwards protected Dutton to throw for 3,526 yards and 20 more TD's. A California native, Mike played three sports (Soccer, Basketball and Football) as the Sierra Foothills Athlete of the Year at Placer High in Auburn, CA. His 6-6 size made him a formidable basketball player and he remembers fondly a game with three different power dunk shots.

Darren Fisk epitomizes the teamwork involved in football. He accepted his role as the blocking fullback for Colorado and peformed it well. He even won the team's "Tough Buff" award for his tenacity. Fisk's other role was as a special teams where he was recognized with the Brian Cabral Award for his play. As a sophomre, Darren began the year as a strongside inside linebacker, but was asked to move to fullback and even learn the tight end position. Darren had played one year at Cal-San Luis Obispo before transferring to Colorado. In high school, Darren was All-Coast as a linebacker and picked for the California High School all-star game. In the classroom, Darren was a business finance major and an All-Academic Big-12 selectee. He hails from Los Gatos, California.

Antonio Edwards

Schad Freeman

Barry Mitchell

Antonio Edwards is a Georgia native from Colquitt County High School in Moultrie. Antonio played in one game with the Seahawks in '97 and three others with the Giants and finished the year with two tackles with one sack. The 28 year-old upped his career totals to 53 games played and 24 starts. Edwards has amassed 87 tackles during his career with 14 QB sacks and two safety's. Antonio was an 8th round draft choice of the Seahawks in '93. He played in nine games as a reserve during his rookie season and made his first NFL tackle count when he was credited with a safety on an end zone sack against Cleveland. In '94, he started 14 games and collared 37 tackles with 1.5 sacks coming against the Raiders. The '95 season saw Edwards start 7 of 13 games played and finish third on the team with 10 tackles for losses as well as adding a personal-best 6.5 sacks to his totals. He returned a forced fumble 83 years for his first career TD at Denver. Antonio registered 1.5 sacks against the Broncos that day and also managed the same sack total vs. the Giants. He recorded two sacks vs. the Bills in '96 after being limited to 13 games played with a knee injury. Edwards was a four-year letterman and the Gulf South Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year at Jessie Tuggle's alma mater, Valdosta State. He finished his career with the Blazers as the school record holder with 34 sacks. Antonio has a daughter, Ashanti (1/29/94) and a son, Amahn (1/30/96).

Schad Freeman earned recognition last fall as the team's Defensive Player-of-the-Year for the Valdosta State (GA) Blazers and a first-team All-Gulf South Conference pick. His senior year included 14 QB sacks (a new school record), 71 tackles, 9 tackles for losses, a pair of fumble recoveries and two TD's scored. He set a school record for sacks in a game with four. His junior year featured 8 QB sacks, giving him 22 sacks over his final two seasons at the south Georgia school.

Ben Huff played his final two years at defensive tackle for the Wolverines after beginning as a linebacker. Ben played in 37 career games for Michigan. Huff grew up in the Charlotte, NC, area as an All-City LB at Providence High. As a high schooler, he didn't get to sit much, making 135 tackles, recovering three fumbles, making two interceptions for the defense. When the offense was on the field, he was catching 26 passes for 490 yards and 3 TD's as the tight end.

Van Johnson went through his first NFL training camp last year with the Giants new coaching staff, but was released at the end of August. Now, he'll try to impress Reeves and his staff here in Atlanta. For the Temple Owls, Van had 106 career catches for 1,869 yards with 15 TD's. As a senior, his 50-902 season was 2nd best in the Big East. He set Temple all-time records for a game (7 for 214 with 3 TD vs Pitt), as well as career and season 100-yard games. Van has an advantage with the defense, having played DB all through high school and knowing what the DB's are trying to do to him. He grew up in the Washington, D.C. area and played his high school sports at Woodrow Wilson High.

Barry Mitchell was a rookie free agent with the Falcons last year and spent the season on the practice squad, learning from Bill Kollar and the Falcons line that had 55 sacks. At Idaho, he played 43 games (26 starts) and recorded 134 tackles, 28.5 QB sacks (3rd all-time school history), 60.5 tackles for a loss (4th all-time), 4 passes batted down and 2 fumble

Jose Portilla

Kevin Thornal

Brad Trout

recoveries. As a senior, he was the Big West Conference Defensive Player of the Week vs. Nevada and vs. Boise State. He scored a collegiate TD with a 17-yard fumble return as a sophomore vs. Weber State. Barry lived in Germany for a while and didn't move back to the states until after his junior year in high school, meaning he played just one year at Gateway High in Aurora, CO. But, that one season included a record 19 QB sacks. Mitchell's father is a U.S. Army vet (retired) and his mother is a native of Korea. Barry was born in Fayetteville, N.C.

Jose Portilla was a mammoth presence on the Arizona Wildcats line, having experience at both left and right tackle. He started every game his final two years with an offensive unit that averaged 402 yards a game, while he earned 2nd team All-PAC 10 recognition. The 25-year old's path so far has been unusual since his high school days in Houston, Texas (MacArthur-Class of '90). First, he went to Ricks Junior College (Rexburg, Idaho) for two seasons after one year as a medical redshirt. He earned All-American honors there. Then, in 1994 and 1995, he served a Mormon mission obligation. In 1996, he started at LT at Arizona for an offense that averaged 173.5 yards per game rushing. Last year he moved to right tackle. In two years at AU, he had 123 "pancake" blocks in the tough PAC-10. Jose won the school Jim Ewing Award for character, leadership, scholarship, and spirit. He was a Studio Art major, compiling a 3.5 grade point average and winning the school Roby Academic Achievement Award. Jose Casiano Portilla is married (Joleen).

Shawn Swayda was a 1997 6th round draft choice of the Chicago Bears, but was released. The Arizona State alum rang up 126 tackles with 15 QB sacks, 21 tackles for losses, 8 passes batted down, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. As a senior, Shawn finished with 48 tackles and six sacks as an honorable mention PAC-10 honoree. He was a native of that area, having grown up in Phoenix and playing both OL and DL at Brophy High. His football family tree includes a dad (Wayne) who played at Washington State and a brother (Mike) at Murray State (KY).

Kevin Thornal used his size and speed to earn a spot last year on the practice squad with Atlanta. Kevin led SMU in receiving his final two years (37-501-7 as a senior; 44-531-6 as a junior). He also set a school record with TD catches in five straight games. Kevin proudly had a 138-yard, 2 TD game vs. rival Texas Tech. He was second team All-SWC and caught at least one pass in a 24-game stretch for the Mustangs. Kevin had become a starter as a true freshman, but had to red-shirt as a sophomore with a knee injury. He played at DeSoto High in Texas with Falcon teammate Byron Hanspard. Kevin graduated with a 3.2 from SMU in history. His father (Royce) was a high school coach in Waco and was a basketball player in college at Baylor.

Brad Trout was an invited "walk-on" at the Falcons mini-camp and was signed thereafter. Brad started all 11 games last fall for Valdosta State in south Georgia and produced 66 tackles, 3 interceptions, 5 passes broken up, and 5 tackles for loss. He had made 60 tackles in 8 starts as a junior for the Blazers. Brad won't mind the summer heat in Suwanee after having grown up down in Miami, FL.

1998 TRAINING CAMP ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
71	Adams, Scott	G/T	6' 6"	315
6	Akers, David	K	5'10"	180
66	Akers, Jeremy	T	6' 5"	304
18	Allen, Corey	W R	6' 1"	199
5	Andersen, Morten	K	6' 2"	225
32	Anderson, Jamal	R B	5' 11"	234
92	Archambeau, Lester	D E	6' 5"	275
17	Barnes, Octavus	W R	6' 2"	200
47	Bayne, Chris	S	6' 1"	205
97	Bennett, Cornelius	L B	6' 2"	240
43	Bolden, Juran	C B	6' 2"	201
20	Booker, Michael	C B	6' 2"	203
23	Bradford, Ronnie	C B	5' 10"	188
51	Brandon, David	L B	6' 4"	238
14	Brennan, Brian	Q B	6' 5"	225
56	Brooking, Keith	L B	6' 2"	244
27	Brown, Omar	S	5' 10"	200
34	Buchanan, Ray	C B	5' 9"	195
91	Burrough, John	D E	6' 5"	275
25	Bush, Devin	S	5' 11"	210
74B	Campbell, Mark	D E	6' 1"	293
12	Chandler, Chris	Q B	6' 4"	225
44	Christian, Bob	F B	5' 11"	230
68	Collins, Calvin	C/G	6' 2"	307
82	Crawford, Keith	W R	6' 2"	195
94	Crockett, Henri	L B	6' 2"	251
99	Davis, Nathan	D T	6' 5"	312
45	Downs, Gary	R B	6' 1"	212
75	Dronett, Shane	D T	6' 6"	288
83	Dwight, Tim	WR	5' 8"	184
96	Edwards, Antonio	DE	6'3"	271
63	Edwards, Michael	T	6' 6"	290
53	Elliott, Matt	C/G	6' 3"	295
46	Fisk, Darren	F B	6' 1"	230
53B	Freeman, Schad	D E	6' 3"	235
29	Fuller, Randy	C B	5'10"	175
87	German, Jammi	W R	6' 1"	187
13	Graziani, Tony	Q B	6' 2"	195
28	Green, Harold	R B	6' 2"	222
98	Hall, Travis	D T	6' 5"	288
64	Hallen, Bob	C/T	6' 4"	292
54	Hamilton, Ruffin	L B	6' 1"	238
24	Hanspard, Byron	R B	5' 10"	198
84	Hayes, Mercury	W R	5' 11"	195
62	Huff, Ben	D T	6' 4"	275
53B	Johnson, Kevin	L B	6' 2"	230
19	Johnson, Van	W R	6' 1"	200
89	Kinchen, Todd	W R	5' 11"	187
85	Kozlowski, Brian	T E	6' 3"	255
72	Louchiey, Corey	T	6' 8"	305
81	Mathis, Terance	W R	5' 10"	185
22	McGill, Lenny	C B	6' 1"	202
55	Miller, Nate	G	6' 3"	310
73	Mitchell, Barry	D E	6' 3"	268
33	Oxendine, Ken	R B	6' 1"	228
76	Portilla, Jose	T	6' 6"	320
41	Robinson, Eugene	S	6' 1"	197
11	Rypien, Mark	Q B	6' 4"	225
74	Salaam, Ephraim	T	6' 7"	290
88	Santiago, O.J.	T E	6' 7"	267
52	Sauer, Craig	L B	6' 1"	240
49	Saxton, Brian	T E	6' 6"	265
67	Schreiber, Adam	C/G	6' 4"	298
77	Slay, Henry	D T	6' 2"	290
90	Smith, Chuck	D E	6' 2"	265
86	Smith, Ed	T E	6' 4"	253
4	Stryzinski, Dan	P	6' 2"	200
50	Sutter, Eddie	L B	6' 3"	239
93	Swayda, Shawn	D E	6' 5"	280
59	Talley, Ben	L B	6" 3"	248
80	Thornal, Kevin	W R	6' 2"	186
61	Tobeck, Robert	G	6' 4"	300
38	Trout, Brad	S	6' 2"	209
95	Tuaolo, Esera	D T	6' 2"	276
58	Tuggle, Jessie	L B	5' 11"	230
35	White, William	S	5' 10"	205
70	Whitfield, Bob	T	6' 5"	310
79	Widell, Dave	C	6' 7"	316
21	Williams, Elijah	C B	5' 10"	181
69	Williams, Gene	G	6' 2"	315
48	Wimberly, Marcus	S	5' 11"	192

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RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE (Actual)

WON 7, LOST 9

Aug. 31	L	17-28	at Detroit	61,244
Sept. 7	L	6-9	Carolina	51,829
Sept. 14	L	31-36	Oakland	47,922
Sept. 21	L	7-34	at San Francisco	60,404
Sept. 28	L	21-29	Denver	48,211
Oct. 12	W	23-17	at New Orleans	65,619
Oct. 19	L	28-35	San Francisco	53,378
Oct. 26	L	12-21	at Carolina	54,675
Nov. 2	W	34-31	St. Louis	36,583
Nov. 9	L	10-31	Tampa Bay	46,018
Nov. 16	W	27-21	at St. Louis	64,299
Nov. 23	W	20-3	New Orleans	48,620
Nov. 30	W	24-17	at Seattle	52,584
Dec. 7	W	14-3	at San Diego	46,317
Dec. 14	W	20-17	Philadelphia	42,866
Dec. 21	L	26-29	at Arizona	32,003

TEAM STATISTICS	ATL	OPP
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	281	274
Rushing	88	76
Passing	168	180
Penalty	25	18
3rd Down: Made/Att	74/210	78/213
3rd Down: Pct.	35.2	36.6
4th Down: Made/Att	8/13	10/12
4th Down: Pct.	61.5	83.3
POSSESSION AVG.	31:29	28:31
TOTAL NET YARDS	4,716	5,106
Avg. Per Game	294.8	319.1
Total Plays	980	960
NET YARDS RUSHING	1,643	1,666
Avg. Per Game	102.7	104.1
Total Rushes	442	409
NET YARDS PASSING	3,073	3,440
Avg. Per Game	192.1	215.0
Sacked/Yards Lost	54/372	55/354
Gross Yards	3,445	3,794
Att./Completions	484/273	496/275
Completion Pct.	56.4	55.4
Had Intercepted	11	18
PUNTS/AVERAGE	89/39.3	90/42.6
NET PUNTING AVG.	89/36.7	90/35.9
PENALTIES/YARDS	101/773	115/872
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	34/13	27/10
TOUCHDOWNS	36	45
Rushing	8	18
Passing	26	24
Returns	2	3

SCORE/PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
FALCONS	58	97	99	66	0	320
OPPONENTS	70	118	72	101	0	361

RUSHING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Anderson	290	1,002	3.5	39	7
Hanspard	53	335	6.3	77	0
Chandler	43	158	3.7	19	0
Green	36	78	2.2	22	1
Mathis	3	35	11.7	16	0
Graziani	3	19	6.3	10	0
Christian	7	8	1.1	3	0
Tolliver	7	8	1.1	12	0
FALCONS	442	1643	3.7	77	8
OPPONENTS	409	1666	4.1	61t	18

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Emanuel	65	991	15.2	56	9
Mathis	62	802	12.9	49	6
Green	29	360	12.4	47	0
Anderson	29	284	9.8	47t	3
Christian	22	154	7.0	19	1
Santiago	17	217	12.8	30	2
Kinchen	16	266	16.6	53t	1
Haynes	12	154	12.8	24t	1
Kozlowski	7	99	14.1	29	1
West	7	63	9.0	23	1
Hanspard	6	53	8.8	21	1
E. Smith	1	2	2.0	2	0
FALCONS	273	3445	12.6	56	26
OPPONENTS	275	3794	13.8	82	24

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TD	Rt	PAT	FG	S	TP
Andersen	0	0	0	0	35/35	23/27	0	104
Anderson	10	7	3	0			0	60
Emanuel	9	0	9	0			0	54
Mathis	6	0	6	0			0	36
Hanspard	3	0	1	2			0	18
Santiago	2	0	2	0			0	12
Bentley LG	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0
Christian	1	0	1	0			0	6
Green	1	1	0	0			0	6
Haynes	1	0	1	0			0	6
Kinchen	1	1	1	0			0	6
Kozlowski	1	0	1	0			0	6
West	1	0	1	0			0	6
Tolliver TM	0	0	0	0			0	0
FALCONS	36	8	26	2	31/35	23/27	0	320
OPPONENTS	45	18	24	3	39/39	14/20	1	361

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Andersen	1/1	10/10	7/7	3/6	2/3
Bentley	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
FALCONS	1/1	11/11	8/8	3/7	2/3
OPPONENTS	0/0	2/3	10/10	1/5	1/2

Andersen: (30G, 42N) (25G, 28G) (51G) ( ) (52N) (25G, 32G, 55G) ( ) (34G, 44G) (37G, 27G) (34G) (27G, 44G) (43N, 43G, 22G) (18G) ( ) (42N, 21G, 33G) (25G, 31G, 20G, 26G)
Bentley: no attempts
TEAM: (30G, 42N) (25G, 28G) (51G) ( ) (52N) (25G, 32G, 55G) ( ) (34G, 44G) (37G, 27G) (34G) (27G, 44G) (43N, 43G, 22G) (18G) () (42N, 21G, 33G) (25G, 31G, 20G, 26G)
OPPONENTS: ( ) (55N, 31G, 31G, 39G) (49G, 31G,) (22G, 32G) ( ) (35G) ( ) ( ) (38G) (54G) (28N, 48N) (22G, 42B) (48N, 35G) (37G, 42B) (39G) ( )

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Buchanan	5	49	9.8	31	0
Bradford	4	9	2.3	9	0
Booker	3	16	5.3	10	0

Owens	1	14	14.0	14	0
White	1	11	11.0	11	0
McGill	1	7	7.0	7	0
Bush	1	4	4.0	4	0
C. Smith	1	4	4.0	4	0
Archambeau	1	0	0.0	0	0
FALCONS	18	114	6.3	31	0
OPPONENTS	11	124	11.3	38t	1

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Net	TB	In20	LG	Blk
Stryzinski	89	3498	39.3	36.7	9	20	57	0
FALCONS	89	3498	39.3	36.7	9	20	57	0
OPP	90	3835	42.6	35.9	6	25	59	1

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Kinchen	52	13	446	8.6	38	0
Buchanan	0	1	37	-	37	0
FALCONS	52	14	483	9.3	38	0
OPPONENTS	21	45	55	2.6	24	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Hanspard	40	987	24.7	99t	2
Bolden	5	106	21.2	34	0
Kozlowski	2	49	24.5	26	0
Burrough	1	6	6.0	6	0
Green	1	23	23.0	23	0
Kinchen	1	18	18.0	18	0
Owens	1	9	9.0	9	0
FALCONS	51	1198	23.5	99t	2
OPPONENTS	52	1167	22.4	43	0

SACKS: C. Smith 12.0, Hall 10.5, Archambeau 8.5, Owens 8.0, Bennett 7.0, Dronett 3.0, Crockett 2.0, Tuggle 1.5, Brandon 1.0, Pleasant 0.5,
FALCONS 55.0, **OPPONENTS** 54.0

PASSING	Att	Comp	Yards	Pct.	Av/Att	TD	Pct.TD	Int.	Pct.Int	LG	Sack/Yds	Rtng
Chandler	342	202	2692	59.1	7.87	20	5.8	7	2.0	56	39/261	95.1
Tolliver	115	63	685	54.8	5.96	5	4.3	1	0.9	47t	14/104	83.4
Graziani	23	7	41	30.4	1.78	0	0.0	2	8.7	13	1/7	3.7
Anderson	4	1	27	25.0	6.75	1	25.0	1	25.0	27t	0/0	55.2
FALCONS	484	273	3445	56.4	7.12	26	5.4	11	2.3	56	54/372	87.2
OPP	496	275	3794	55.4	7.65	24	4.8	18	3.6	82	55/354	81.2

1997 Preseason Statistics

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE (Actual)

WON 1, LOST 3

Aug. 1	L	17-20	at Detroit	40,425
Aug. 9	W	17-12	Tampa Bay	34,219
Aug. 16	L	31-35	Washington	37,984
Aug. 22	L	7-34	at Jacksonville	67,743

TEAM STATISTICSFALCONSOPPONENTS

TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	71	78
Rushing	29	29
Passing	36	40
Penalty	6	9
3rd Down: Made/Att	20/53	16/48
3rd Down: Pct.	37.7	33.3
4th Down: Made/Att	4/8	2/4
4th Down: Pct.	50.0	50.0
POSSESSION AVG.	30:30	29:31
TOTAL NET YARDS	1282	1320
Avg. Per Game	320.5	330.0
Total Plays	247	250
NET YARDS RUSHING	482	486
Avg. Per Game	120.5	121.5
Total Rushes	111	117
NET YARDS PASSING	800	834
Avg. Per Game	200.0	208.5
Sacked/Yards Lost	11/68	7/34
Gross Yards	868	868
Att./Completions	125/58	126/76
Completion Pct.	46.4	60.3
Had Intercepted	5	3
PUNTS/AVERAGE	18/41.5	13/43.8
NET PUNTING AVG.	18/35.6	13/36.0
PENALTIES/YARDS	32/290	24/155
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	11/3	5/4
TOUCHDOWNS	10	8
Rushing	5	2
Passing	5	6
Returns	0	0

SCORE/PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
FALCONS	17	34	17	14	0	82
OPPONENTS	13	30	23	27	0	93

RUSHING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Anderson	41	189	4.6	17	2
Hanspard	31	172	5.5	34	0
Green	10	60	6.0	15	1
Chandler	8	30	3.8	7	1
Tolliver	3	19	6.3	11	0
Huntley	7	8	1.1	7	0
Maddox	4	6	1.5	5	0
Christian	1	4	4.0	4	0
Grenier	3	4	1.3	2	1
Graziani	0	0	---	---	0
Stryzinski	1	0	0.0	0	0
Downs	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
Kinchens	1	-8	-8.0	-8	0
FALCONS	111	482	4.3	34	5
OPPONENTS	117	486	4.2	24	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Santiago	8	99	12.4	26	2
Mathis	7	169	24.1	85	1
Hayes	5	143	28.6	43	1
Scott	5	120	24.0	47	0
Anderson	4	47	11.8	23	0
Grenier	4	24	6.0	8	0
Preston	3	64	21.3	40t	1
Kozlowski	3	63	21.0	35	0
E. Smith	3	13	4.3	5	0

1997 Preseason Statistics (cont.)

Green	3	10	3.3	12	0
Kinchen	2	24	12.0	15	0
Christian	2	21	10.5	11	0
T. Brown	2	18	9.0	11	0
Emanuel	2	17	8.5	9	0
Hanspard	2	6	3.0	5	0
West	1	11	11.0	11	0
Downs	1	10	10.0	10	0
Huntley	1	9	9.0	9	0
FALCONS	58	868	15.0	85	5
OPPONENTS	76	868	11.4	44	6

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TD	Rt	PAT	FG	S	TP
Andersen	0	0	0	0	8/8	4/6	0	20
Anderson	2	2	0	0			0	12
Santiago	2	0	2	0			0	12
Chandler	1	1	0	0			0	6
Green	1	1	0	0			0	6
Grenier	1	1	0	0			0	6
Haynes	1	0	1	0			0	6
Mathis	1	0	1	0			0	6
Preston	1	1	0	0			0	6
Lauder	0	0	0	0	2/2	0/1	0	2
FALCONS	10	5	5	0	10/10	4/7	0	82
OPPONENTS	8	2	6	0	6/6	13/14	0	93

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Andersen	0/0	2/2	2/2	0/1	0/1
Lauder	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0
FALCONS	0/0	2/2	2/2	0/2	0/1
OPPONENTS	0/0	1/1	6/6	6/7	0/0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
White	1	23	23.0	23	0
Bayne	1	15	15.0	15	0
Wimberly	1	0	0.0	0	0
FALCONS	3	38	12.7	23	0
OPPONENTS	5	75	15.0	24	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Net	TB	In20	LG	Blk
Stryzinski	18	747	41.5	35.6	1	3	49	0
FALCONS	18	747	41.5	35.6	1	3	49	0
OPP	13	570	43.8	36.0	1	4	54	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Kinchen	5	1	33	6.6	15	0
Preston	3	1	49	16.3	35	0
Mathis	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
FALCONS	9	2	82	9.1	35	0
OPPONENTS	5	8	87	17.4	43	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Preston	9	200	22.2	37	0
Hanspard	8	224	28.0	44	0
Kinchen	1	27	27.0	27	0
FALCONS	18	451	25.1	44	0
OPPONENTS	16	434	27.1	75	0

SACKS: Pleasant 2.0, Archambeau 1.0, S. Brown 1.0, Buchanan 1.0, Simmons 1.0, C. Smith 1.0.
FALCONS 7.0, **OPPONENTS** 11.0

PASSING	Att	Comp	Yards	Pct.	Av/Att	TD	Pct.TD	Int.	Pct.Int	LG	Sack/Yds	Rtng
Tolliver	52	25	391	48.1	7.57	2	3.8	2	3.8	47	6/44	70.3
Chandler	46	24	407	52.2	8.85	3	6.5	1	2.2	85	4/22	95.1
Maddox	25	9	70	36.0	2.80	0	0.0	1	4.0	26	1/2	27.9
Graziani	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0/0	0.0
Stryzinski	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0/0	0.0
FALCONS	125	58	868	46.4	6.94	5	4.0	5	4.0	85	11/68	66.4
OPPONENTS	126	76	868	60.3	6.89	6	4.8	3	2.4	44	7/34	87.0

Defensive Improvement in '97

	1996	1997	Difference
Total yards	29th	20th	+9
Per Game	361	319	+42
Rushing Def.	26th	8th	+18
Per Game	128	104	+24
Passing Def.	27th	20th	+7
Per Game	234	215	+19
Interceptions	30th	6th	+24
Total Made	6	18	+12
Sacks	10th	2nd	+8
Total Made	36	55	+19
3rd Downs	25th	15th	+10
Percentage	42.2%	36.6%	+5.6%
Points	30th	21st	+9
Per Game	28.8	22.6	+6.2

1997 Falcons Statistical Notes

- Finished #6 in time of possession avg. (31:29)
- Led NFL in punt coverage (2.6-yards)
- Ranked #2 in kickoff coverage (23.4-yard line)
- Ranked #6 in KO return average (23.5)
- Ranked #5 in passing TD's (26)
- Thrown a TD pass in 14 straight games
- Became one of only three teams (S.F. & Miami) to score at least 300 points each year in 1990's
- Established a club-record 55 sacks (2nd NFL)
- Were within a TD in 4th quarter in 12-of-16 games
- Extended scoring streak to 75 straight games
- Scored 20 or more points in 9 of last 12 games

1997 Defensive Tackles

PLAYER	Total Tackles	Solos	Assists	Sacks	Sack Yds	QB Press.	INT's	INT Yds	Passes Def	Rec Fumb	Forced Fumb	Batted Ball
J. Tuggle	123	86	37	1.5	14	4	0	0	6	0	0	0
W. White	119	71	48	0	0	0	1	11	4	0	0	0
C. Bennett	115	75	40	7	43	10	0	0	6	1	3	0
T. Hall	109	66	43	10.5	62	29	0	0	0	1	0	5
D. Bush	105	62	43	0	0	0	1	4	10	1	0	0
C. Smith	94	68	26	12	75	49	1	4	0	0	4	10
D. Owens	69	45	24	8	34	18	1	14	0	1	1	8
L. Archambeau	66	45	21	8.5	62	26	1	0	0	3	5	4
R. Buchanan	65	48	17	0	0	0	5	49	15	0	1	0
R. Bradford	51	41	10	0	0	1	4	9	14	0	0	0
H. Crockett	46	28	18	2	8	7	0	0	1	1	0	0
S. Dronett	40	25	15	3	30	14	0	0	0	0	0	5
J. Burrough	30	12	18	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
M. Booker	22	19	3	0	0	0	0	16	6	0	0	0
A. Pleasant	17	7	10	0.5	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
L. McGill	14	9	5	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	0
D. Brandon	8	7	1	1	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. Sauer	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Bolden	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
C. Bayne	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R. Hamilton	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. Shelling	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E. Sutter	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. Davis	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**1116**	**733**	**383**	**55**	**335**	**169**	**18**	**114**	**57**	**8**	**15**	**32**

1997 Special Teams Tackles

PLAYER	Tackles	Rec Fumb	Forced Fumb	Blocked FG	Blocked Punt
G. Downs	13	0	0	0	0
B. Christian	11	0	0	0	0
E. Sutter	9	0	0	0	0
R. Hamilton	6	0	0	0	0
C. Sauer	6	0	0	0	0
J. Bolden	5	0	0	0	0
L. McGill	5	0	0	0	0
Booker	5	0	0	0	0
R. Bradford	4	0	0	0	1
C. Sauer	3	1	0	0	0
C. Bayne	3	0	0	0	0
Bush	3	0	0	0	0
H. Crockett	2	0	0	0	0
J. Burrough	2	0	0	0	0
O. J. Santiago	1	0	0	0	0
C. Shelling	1	0	0	0	0
B. Kozlowski	1	0	0	0	0
M. Wimberly	1	0	0	0	0
T. Kinchen	0	1	0	0	0
S. Dronett	0	0	0	2	0
SEASON TOTAL	**80**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**1**

1997 Game-By-Game Offensive Statistics

Game	Score		1st				3rd Downs		4th Downs		Total	Rushing			Passing			Net			Yds	TD	TD	TD	TD	Punts			
	Atl	Opp	Downs	R	PS	PN	Suc	Att	Suc	Att	Yards	Att	Yds.	Avg	Comp	Att	Yds.	Yds.	Int.	Sacks	Lost	Total	Pass	Rush	Ret	No.	Yds	Fumb/Lost	Pen/Yds
at Det	17	28	13	4	9	0	3	17	2	2	323	29	55	1.9	20	37	290	268	3	4	22	2	1	1	0	8	327	5/1	13/93
CAROLINA	6	9	8	1	5	2	2	12	0	0	210	27	48	1.8	11	23	162	162	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	354	4/2	5/39
OAKLAND	31	36	24	4	16	4	7	17	0	1	366	26	116	4.5	26	42	299	250	0	6	49	4	3	1	0	5	184	5/2	4/35
at S.F.	7	34	15	3	12	0	6	16	0	1	211	29	57	2	20	36	179	154	1	3	25	1	1	0	0	9	368	0/0	8/41
DENVER	21	29	17	4	11	2	4	12	0	0	308	21	112	5.3	18	31	222	196	1	4	26	3	3	0	0	7	297	0/0	5/27
at N.O.	23	17	14	8	6	0	4	13	0	0	166	31	89	2.9	10	22	117	77	0	5	40	2	1	1	0	6	252	2/2	6/46
S.F.	28	35	19	2	14	3	7	15	1	3	292	16	39	2.4	22	44	299	253	0	6	46	4	4	0	0	5	229	2/0	9/91
at Car.	12	21	17	4	13	0	3	15	0	1	301	23	68	3.0	21	46	241	233	2	2	8	1	1	0	0	7	242	4/1	3/30
St. LOUIS	34	31	28	8	14	6	4	8	0	0	462	26	197	7.6	19	32	276	265	1	2	11	4	3	1	0	4	168	0/0	9/61
TAMPA BAY	10	31	18	6	11	1	3	10	1	1	275	24	102	4.3	19	27	212	175	0	5	39	1	1	0	0	5	161	2/2	5/35
at St. Louis	27	21	22	8	12	2	7	12	0	0	314	29	100	3.4	20	30	232	214	1	2	18	3	1	2	0	3	119	1/1	8/45
N. ORLEANS	20	3	16	6	9	1	5	14	0	0	269	32	92	2.8	17	27	211	177	0	5	34	2	2	0	0	6	199	4/1	4/40
at Seattle	24	17	14	4	10	0	2	11	2	2	273	25	72	2.9	15	23	204	201	0	1	3	3	1	1	1	5	183	1/0	3/20
at San Diego	14	3	13	5	6	2	6	13	1	1	204	28	96	3.4	10	23	115	108	1	1	7	2	1	0	1	5	191	1/0	9/79
PHILA.	20	17	21	12	9	0	5	12	1	1	386	36	211	5.9	12	21	210	175	0	5	35	2	1	1	0	4	155	2/1	4/35
at Ariz.	26	29	22	9	11	2	6	13	0	0	356	40	189	4.7	13	20	176	167	1	3	9	2	2	0	0	2	69	1/0	6/63
TOTALS	**320**	**361**	**281**	**88**	**168**	**25**	**74**	**210**	**8**	**13**	**4716**	**442**	**1643**	**3.7**	**273**	**484**	**3445**	**3073**	**11**	**54**	**372**	**36**	**26**	**8**	**2**	**89**	**3498**	**34/13**	**101/783**

1997 Game-By-Game Defensive Statistics

	Score		1st				3rd Downs		4th Downs		Total	Rushing			Passing			Net			Yds	TD	TD	TD	TD	Punts			
Game	Atl	Opp	Downs	R	PS	PN	Suc	Att	Att	Suc	Yards	Att.	Yds.	Avg	Comp	Att	Yds.	Yds.	Int.	Sacks	Lost	Total	Pass	Rush	Ret	No.	Yards	Fumb/Lost	Pen/Yds
at Det	17	28	10	3	7	0	3	15	0	0	221	23	46	1.9	12	30	205	175	1	4	30	4	2	0	2	9	355	6/2	5/55
CAROLINA	6	9	21	3	17	1	7	15	0	0	321	28	93	3.3	21	35	268	228	0	6	40	0	0	0	0	6	252	2/2	7/55
OAKLAND	31	36	11	2	9	0	2	10	0	0	414	20	149	7.5	12	22	286	265	0	3	21	4	1	2	1	7	318	2/1	12/99
at S.F.	7	31	18	3	14	1	1	9	0	0	424	20	71	3.6	19	31	368	353	0	3	15	4	2	2	0	6	262	1/0	4/27
DENVER	21	29	16	4	12	0	7	15	1	1	329	27	101	3.7	18	32	243	228	1	3	15	4	3	1	0	6	277	0/0	10/76
at N.O.	23	17	13	6	6	1	2	13	2	3	179	28	80	2.9	14	22	175	99	2	10	76	2	1	1	0	6	246	5/2	6/39
S.F.	28	35	24	10	11	3	8	13	0	0	438	35	197	5.6	16	25	259	241	1	3	18	5	2	3	0	3	144	0/0	11/90
at Car.	12	21	14	7	7	0	7	16	0	0	228	36	137	3.8	12	25	107	91	1	3	16	3	1	2	0	8	350	6/2	3/13
St. LOUIS	34	31	24	8	16	0	4	11	1	1	507	29	108	3.7	23	34	401	399	1	1	2	4	2	2	0	4	169	1/0	12-57
TAMPA BAY	10	31	20	6	10	4	6	12	0	0	349	38	199	5.2	12	20	150	150	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	5	179	1/0	5/45
at St. Louis	27	21	22	4	15	3	8	16	0	1	330	25	88	3.9	21	38	266	242	0	3	24	3	2	1	0	5	212	0/0	8/83
N. ORLEANS	20	3	11	3	7	1	1	13	1	1	173	20	55	2.8	14	29	150	115	4	6	32	0	0	0	0	6	290	2/1	3/20
at Seattle	24	17	19	6	13	0	8	16	1	1	351	25	123	4.9	24	38	240	228	1	3	12	2	2	0	0	5	193	1/0	5/35
at S. Diego	14	3	16	1	14	1	7	15	0	0	268	17	47	2.8	22	41	259	221	3	4	38	0	0	0	0	4	156	0/0	9/53
PHILA.	20	17	15	6	8	1	3	12	1	1	277	20	106	5.3	16	34	180	171	1	1	9	2	1	1	0	6	249	0/0	6/50
at Ariz.	26	29	20	4	14	2	5	13	3	3	297	18	66	3.7	19	40	237	231	2	2	6	4	3	1	0	4	195	0/0	9/75
TOTALS	**320**	**361**	**274**	**76**	**180**	**18**	**78**	**213**	**10**	**12**	**5106**	**409**	**1666**	**4.1**	**275**	**496**	**3794**	**3440**	**18**	**55**	**354**	**45**	**24**	**18**	**3**	**90**	**3835.0**	**27/10**	**115/872**

1997 Game-By-Game Rushing Statistics

	Score		Anderson					Hanspard					Green					Christian					Downs				
Game	Atl	Opp	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
at Det	17	28	20	33	1.7	13	1	3	1	0.3	3	0	2	1	0.5	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAROLINA	6	9	17	42	2.5	11	0	1	2	2.0	2	0	6	5	0.8	3	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
OAKLAND	31	36	9	26	2.9	7	0	4	84	21.0	77	0	11	2	0.2	3	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
at S.F.	7	34	16	46	2.9	12	0	5	1	0.2	3	0	5	3	0.6	3	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
DENVER	21	29	13	45	3.5	16	0	8	67	8.4	57	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
at N.O.	23	17	21	62	3.0	12	1	6	24	4.0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
S.F.	28	35	13	19	1.5	8	0	1	6	6.0	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	2	2.0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
at Car.	12	21	15	50	3.3	10	0	2	3	1.5	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
St. LOUIS	34	31	20	162	8.1	39	1	1	4	4.0	4	0	3	24	8.0	22	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAMPA BAY	10	31	14	49	3.5	10	0	3	34	11.3	21	0	2	5	2.5	3	0	1	3	3.0	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
at St. Louis	27	21	19	72	3.8	15	2	4	9	2.3	5	0	3	19	6.3	19	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
N. ORLEANS	20	3	21	65	3.1	17	0	6	14	2.3	4	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
at Seattle	24	17	16	41	2.6	12	1	2	7	3.5	7	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
at San Diego	14	3	22	60	2.7	11	0	3	3	1.0	4	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
PHILA.	20	17	21	78	3.7	14	1	5	76	15.2	53	0	3	19	6.3	13	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
at Ariz.	26	29	33	152	4.6	20	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	1	2	2.0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
TOTALS	**320**	**361**	**290**	**1002**	**3.5**	**39**	**7**	**53**	**335**	**6.3**	**77**	**0**	**36**	**78**	**2.2**	**22**	**1**	**7**	**8**	**1.1**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

1997 Game-By-Game Receiving Statistics

	Score		Mathis					Emanuel					Haynes					E. Smith					Santiago					Kozlowski				
Game	Atl	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
at Det	17	28	2	17	8.5	9	0	4	88	22.0	56	0	2	34	17.0	24	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	47	23.5	30	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAROLINA	6	9	2	47	23.5	42	0	3	50	16.7	50	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	26	26.0	26	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
OAKLAND	31	36	6	55	9.2	15	1	4	92	23.0	54	0	3	41	13.7	20	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	5	40	8.0	12	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at S.F.	7	34	4	35	8.8	13	0	6	62	10.3	16	1	Inactive					0	0	0.0	0	0	2	27	13.5	16	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
DENVER	21	29	1	49	49.0	49	0	8	58	7.3	21	1	Inactive					0	0	0.0	0	0	2	22	11.0	15	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
at N.O.	23	17	2	30	15.0	18	0	3	40	13.3	19	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
S.F.	28	35	7	75	10.7	25	1	4	60	15.0	27	1	2	23	11.5	13	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	11	5.5	7	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at Car.	12	21	8	107	13.4	28	0	5	48	9.6	19	0	2	20	10.0	17	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	13	13.0	13	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
St. LOUIS	34	31	7	73	10.4	12	1	6	108	18.0	33	2	1	6	6.0	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	20	20.0	20	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
TAMPA BAY	10	31	3	32	10.7	15	0	2	43	21.5	30	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
at St. Louis	27	21	6	85	14.2	44	0	3	52	17.3	29	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	11	11.0	11	0	2	7	3.5	5	1
N. ORLEANS	20	3	3	30	10.0	15	1	4	96	24.0	41	1	1	12	12.0	12	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	Inactive					0	0	0.0	0	0
at Seattle	24	17	3	42	14.0	16	0	4	71	17.8	25	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	2	1.0	2	0	Inactive					1	28	28.0	28	0
at San Diego	14	3	1	19	19.1	19	1	3	32	10.7	12	0	1	18	18.0	18	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	Inactive					1	7	7.0	7	0
PHILA.	20	17	4	57	14.3	19	0	1	16	16.0	16	0	Inactive					0	0	0.0	0	0	Inactive					2	41	20.5	29	0
at Ariz.	26	29	3	49	16.3	17	1	5	75	15.0	38	1	Inactive					0	0	0.0	0	0	Inactive					1	16	16.0	16	0
TOTALS	**320**	**361**	**62**	**802**	**12.9**	**49**	**6**	**65**	**991**	**15.2**	**56**	**9**	**12**	**154**	**12.8**	**24**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2.0**	**2**	**0**	**17**	**217**	**12.8**	**30**	**2**	**7**	**99**	**14.1**	**29**	**1**

	Score		Kinchen					West					Anderson					Hanspard					Green					Christian				
Game	Atl	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
at Det	17	28	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	26	13.0	15	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	5	55	11.0	28	0	3	23	7.7	11	0
CAROLINA	6	9	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	12	6.0	7	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	19	19.0	19	0	2	8	4.0	6	0
OAKLAND	31	36	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	2	30	15.0	21	0	2	16	8.0	17	0	3	24	8.0	18	1
at S.F.	7	34	1	28	28.0	28	0	1	3	3.0	3	0	1	5	5.0	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	4	13	3.3	12	0	1	6	6.0	6	0
DENVER	21	29	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1	1.0	1	1	3	68	22.7	47	1	1	5	5.0	5	0	1	15	15.0	15	0	1	4	4.0	4	0
at N.O.	23	17	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	8	8.0	8	0	2	10	5.0	10	0	1	3	3.0	3	0	1	26	26.0	26	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
S.F.	28	35	3	85	28.3	53	1	1	13	13.0	13	0	2	28	14.0	21	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	4	4.0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Car.	12	21	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	14	14.0	14	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	3	34	11.3	20	0	1	5	5.0	0	0
St. LOUIS	34	31	2	42	21.0	31	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	19	19.0	19	0	1	8	8.0	0	0
TAMPA BAY	10	31	2	25	12.5	19	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	7	47	6.7	10	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	4	54	13.5	17	0	1	11	11.0	11	0
at St. Louis	27	21	1	5	5.0	5	0	1	23	23.0	23	0	1	8	8.0	8	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	9	4.5	7	0	3	32	10.7	19	0
N. ORLEANS	20	3	1	4	4.0	4	0	2	15	7.5	9	0	2	16	8.0	12	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	21	21.0	21	0	3	17	5.7	7	0
at Seattle	24	17	1	6	6.0	6	0	DNP					1	13	13.0	13	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	28	14.0	23	0	2	14	7.0	9	0
at San Diego	14	3	2	32	16.0	22	0	Inactive					0	0	0.0	0	0	1	5	5.0	5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	2	2.0	2	0
PHILA.	20	17	3	39	13.0	22	0	Inactive					0	0	0.0	0	0	1	10	10.0	10	1	1	47	47.0	47	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
at Ariz.	26	29	0	0	0.0	0	0	Inactive					4	36	9.0	11	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
TOTALS	**320**	**361**	**16**	**266**	**16.6**	**53**	**1**	**7**	**63**	**9.0**	**23**	**1**	**29**	**284**	**9.8**	**47**	**3**	**6**	**53**	**8.8**	**21**	**0**	**29**	**360**	**12.4**	**28**	**0**	**22**	**154**	**7.0**	**19**	**1**

1997 Game-By-Game Passing Statistics

	Score		Chris Chandler									Billy Joe Tolliver									Tony Graziani								
Game	Atl	Opp	Att	Comp	Comp%	Gross	Net	Long	TD	Int	Rate	Att	Comp	Comp%	Gross	Net	Long	TD	Int	Rate	Att	Comp	Comp%	Gross	Net	Long	TD	Int	Rate
at Det	17	28	36	20	55.6	290	268	56	1	3	56.5	DNP									Inactive								
CAROLINA	6	9	6	4	66.7	83	83	42	0	0	70.1	17	7	41.2	79	79	26	0	0	55.8	Inactive								
OAKLAND	31	36	25	16	64.0	199	199	54	2	0	115.0	17	10	58.8	100	100	17	1	0	123.0	Inactive								
at S.F.	7	34	Inactive									31	17	53.1	162	137	28	1	1	67.4	5	3	0.6	17	17	11	0	0	66.3
DENVER	21	29	22	12	64.0	137	125	49	2	1	82.7	9	6	60.0	85	71	47	1	0	104.8	Inactive								
at N.O.	23	17	22	10	45.5	117	97	26	1	0	77.1	DNP									Inactive								
S.F.	28	35	30	15	50.0	230	216	53	2	0	98.0	13	6	46.2	42	10	13	1	0	86.8	Inactive								
at Car.	12	21	DNP									28	17	60.7	217	216	28	1	0	96.9	18	4	22.2	24	17	28	0	2	0.0
St. LOUIS	34	31	32	19	59.4	276	265	33	3	1	106.0	NOR									DNP								
TAMPA BAY	10	31	27	19	70.4	212	173	30	1	0	105.8	NOR									DNP								
at St. Louis	27	21	30	20	66.7	232	214	44	1	1	87.1	NOR									DNP								
N. ORLEANS	20	3	26	17	65.4	211	177	41	2	0	116.0	NOR									0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.00
at Seattle	24	17	23	15	65.2	204	201	28	1	0	107.7	NOR									DNP								
at San Diego	14	3	23	10	43.4	115	108	22	1	1	55.5	NOR									DNP								
PHILA.	20	17	21	12	57.1	210	175	47	1	0	107.0	NOR									DNP								
at Ariz.	26	29	19	13	68.4	176	167	38	2	0	111.0	NOR									DNP								
Total	**320**	**361**	**342**	**202**	**59.1**	**2692**	**2468**	**56**	**20**	**7**	**95.1**	**115**	**63**	**54.8**	**685**	**581**	**47t**	**5**	**1**	**83.4**	**23**	**7**	**2.3**	**41**	**17**	**28**	**0**	**2**	**3.7**

1997 Player Participation

	@			@	@		@	@			@		@	@		@
PLAYERS	DET	CAR	OAK	S.F.	DEV.	N.O.	S.F.	CAR	STL	TAM	STL	N.O.	SEA	SDC	PHILA	ARIZ
Adams, Scott	NOR	NOR	NOR	INA	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	P	P	P	INA (F)	INA (F)	P
Andersen, Morten	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Anderson, Jamal	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Archambeau, Lester	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Bayne, Chris	INA (F)	INA (F)	P	INA (F)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bennett, Cornelius	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Bentley, Scott	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	P	P	INA (S)
Bolden, Juran	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	INA (F)	P	S	INA (S)	P	P
Booker, Michael	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	S	P	S	INA (S)	P	P	P
Bradford, Ronnie	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	P	S	S	S	S	S	S
Brandon, David	S	S	S	S	INA(F)	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR
Buchanan, Ray	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Burrough, John	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	P
Bush, Devin	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Chandler, Chris	S	S	S	INA (S)	S	S	S	INA (S)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Christan, Bob	P	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	P	S	S	S
Collins, Calvin	INA (S)	P	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Crockett, Henri	P	P	P	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	P	S	S	S
Davis, Antone	S	S	S	INA (S)	INA (F)	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (F)	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA(F)
Davis, Nathan	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA(F)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (S)	P	P	INA (F)	INA (S)	INA(S)
Davis, Scott	S	S	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA (F)	INA (F)	NOR	NOR	NOR
Downs, Gary	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dronett, Shane	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	P	P
Emanuel, Bert	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Fortin, Roman	S	S	S	DNP	INA (S)	INA (F)	INA(F)	INA (S)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (F)
Jamal Fountaine	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (S)	INA (S)	P	P	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (F)	P
Graziani, Tony	INA (S)	INA (F)	INA (S)	P	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (S)	S	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Green, Harold	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Greer, Donovan	P	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR
Hall, Travis	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Hamilton, Ruffin	P	P	INA (F)	P	P	P	P	P	INA	INA	P	P	P	P	P	INA (F)
Hanspard, Byron	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	P	P
Hayes, Mercury	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (F)	INA (S)	INA (S)	P	P
Haynes, Michael	P	P	P	INA (F)	INA (F)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	INA (F)	INA (F)
Kinchen, Todd	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kozlowski, Brian	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	S	S	S	S
Mathis, Terance	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Miller, Jim	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	INA (S)	INA(S)	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA(S)
Miller, Nate	INA (F)	INA(F)	INA (S)	DNP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McGill, Lenny	NOR	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Owens, Dan	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	INA	P	P	S	S
Pleasant, Anthony	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA (F)	INA(F)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Santiago, O.J.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR
Sauer, Craig	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	P	P
Saxton, Brain	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	P	P	P
Schreiber, Adam	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Scott, Freddie	INA (S)	INA (F)	INA (F)	P	P	INA (S)	INA F)	INA (F)	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR
Shelling, Chris	P	P	INA (S)	INA (S)	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR
Smith, Chuck	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	S
Stryzinski, Dan	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sutter, Eddie	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Tobeck, Robbie	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Tolliver, Billy Joe	DNP	P	P	S	P	DNP	P	P	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR
Tuggle, Jessie	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	S
West, Ed	S	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	INA (F)	IR	IR	IR
White, William	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Whitfield, Bob	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Williams, Gene	S	INA	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Willig, Matt	P	P	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Wimberly, Marcus	INA (S)	INA (S)	P	P	P	INA	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (S)	INA (S)	P	INA (F)	P	P	INA (S)	INA (S)

S = STARTED
P = PLAYED
D N P = DID NOT PLAY

I N A (F) = INACTIVE ON FRIDAY
I N A (S) = INACTIVE ON SUNDAY

P S = PRACTICE SQUAD
N O R = NOT ON ROSTER
I R = INJURED RESERVE

Game 1 (August 31)
Detroit 28, Atlanta 17
Pontiac Silverdome (61,244)

Atlanta's defense held Barry Sanders to just 33 yards rushing, but four turnovers, including two that resulted in Lions touchdowns with under six minutes to go, was too much to overcome in the debut of Falcons coach Dan Reeves.

The Falcons appeared to be poised for victory after getting the ball back with 6:35 to go and holding a 17-14 lead. But on the second play of that series, Chandler's pass intended for Bert Emanuel was intercepted by Sean Boyd. Two plays later, QB Scott Mitchell connected with Herman Moore on a 25-yard TD pass as Detroit took a 21-17 lead.

The Lions iced the win on Atlanta's next possession when Chandler was hit as he released the ball and was iintercepted by LB Reggie Brown, who raced 38 yards for the score.

Chandler threw for 290 yards and a 24-yard TD to Michael Haynes in his Falcons debut. The Falcons defense, meanwhile, sacked Mitchell four times.

DE Lester Archambeau had an excellent game with six tackles, one sack, two forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries.

"I'm proud of the way we battled back and took the lead," said Coach Dan Reeves. "And I hate to waste a defensive effort like that."

DETROIT	0	14	0	14 — 28
ATLANTA	3	7	0	7 — 17

Scoring

Atl - Andersen 30-yard FG
Det - Moore 43-yard pass from Mitchell (Hanson kick)
Atl - Haynes 24-yard pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
Det - Boyd 42-yd fumble return (Hanson kick)
Atl - Anderson 1-yard run (Andersen kick)
Det - Moore 25-yard pass from Mitchell (Hanson kick)
Det - Brown 38-yd INT return (Hanson kick)

Team Statistics

	Atl	Det
First Downs	13	10
Total Yardage	323	221
Rushes/Yards	29-55	23-46
Passing Yardage	268	175
Passes Comp/Att/Int	20-37-3	12-30-1
Sacked/Yards	4-22	4-30
Penalties/Yards	13-93	5-55
Fumbles/Lost	5-1	6-2

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 20-33, Chandler 4-20, Hanspard 3-1, Green 2-1.

Lions: Sanders 15-33, Mitchell 7-13,Vanrdell 1-0.

Passing

Falcons: Chandler 20-36-3, 290 yds, 1 TD, Long 56; Anderson 0-1-0.

Lions: Mitchell 12-30, 205 yds, 2 TD's, Long 43.

Receiving

Falcons: Green 5-55, Emanuel 4-88, Christian 3-23, Santiago 2-47, Haynes 2-34, Anderson 2-26, Mathis 2-17.

Lions: Moore 7-115, Sanders 2-26, Milburn 1-43, Vardell 1-14, Morton 1-7.

Game 2 (September 9)
Carolina 9, Atlanta 6
Georgia Dome (51,829)

John Kasey kicked his third field goal of the fourth quarter, a 39-yarder as time expired, as the Panthers scored on their final three possessions to get the win. For the fourth time in the team's five meetings, the game was again decided by four points or less.

Out of timeouts, WR Muhsin Muhammad caught a 5-yard pass from Steve Beuerlein along the left sideline and failed to get out of bounds at Atlanta's 21 with 15 seconds remaining. The Panthers rushed to the line as Beuerlein, starting in place of the injured Kerry Collins, spiked the ball with one second left, setting up the winning field goal.

Safety William White just missed intercepting Beuerlein's pass at Carolina's 31-yard line with the game tied at 6-6 and 1:38 remaining. In what appeared to be a clear path for a TD, White managed only to tip the ball, which was caught by TE Wesley Walls for a 14-yard gain. "We caught a break on that one," Beuerlein later said.

Falcons QB Chris Chandler left the game in the second quarter with a mild concussion sustained when hit by Carolina lineman Mike Fox, who was flagged for roughing the passer on the play. Chandler did not return and was replaced by backup Billy Joe Tolliver, who saw his first NFL action since 1994.

Atlanta's defense recorded six sacks, including two by DE Lester Archambeau.

CAROLINA	0	0	0	9 — 9
ATLANTA	0	3	3	0 — 6

Scoring

Atl - Andersen 25-yard FG
Atl - Andersen 28-yard FG
Car - Kasay 31-yard FG
Car - Kasay 31-yard FG
Car - Kasay 39-yard FG

Team Statistics

	Car	Atl
First Downs	21	8
Total Yardage	321	210
Rushes/Yards	28-93	27-47
Passing Yardage	228	162
Passes Comp/Att/Int	21-35-1	11-23-0
Sacked/Yards	6-40	0-0
Penalties/Yards	7-55	5-39
Fumbles/Lost	2-2	4-2

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 17-42, Green 6-5, Hanspard 1-2.

Panthers: Johnson 24-86, Greene 2-6, Beuerlein 1-5..

Passing

Falcons: Tolliver 7-17-0, 79 yds, Long 26; Chandler 4-6-0, 83 yds, Long 42.

Panthers: Beuerlein 21-35-0, 268 yds, Long 52.

Receiving

Falcons: Emanuel 3-50, Mathis 2-47, Anderson 2-12, Christian 2-8, Santiago 1-26, Green 1-19.

Panthers: Muhammad 8-71, Walls 7-147, Ismail 2-25, Carruth 2-18, Johnson 2-7.

Game 3 (September 14)
Oakland 36, Atlanta 31
Georgia Dome (47,922)

Napoleon Kaufman ran for a career-high 140 yards as the Oakland Raiders edged out the Falcons behind the help of two controversial plays.

What turned out to be a game-breaking play took place in the third quarter when the Falcons were about to get the ball back with a 21-17 lead in hand. Todd Kinchen took Leo Araguz's punt at the 25 and was immediately tackled. The ball popped loose, but seemingly after Kinchen's elbow had hit the ground, under which scenario the play should have been whistled dead. But officials ruled it a fumble, which Oakland's Kenny Shedd picked up and returned 25 yards for a TD and 24-17 Raiders lead.

The other game-changing play happened in the third quarter when rookie DT Darrel Russell was flagged for a late hit on Chris Chandler, who was knocked out of the game for the second time in two weeks.

Billy Joe Tolliver came in relief, and after Morten Andersen's 51-yard FG tied the game at 24-all, the teams traded touchdowns to knot the game at 31. Chris Ford then hit on a 31-yard FG with 4:24 remaining to put Oakland ahead, 34-31. But Atlanta was unable to muster anything on offense on the ensuing drive and eventually gave up two more points when Tolliver was sacked out of the end zone for a safety.

Rookie RB Byron Hanspard established a team-record 77-yard run in the third quarter that set up Bob Christian's 3-yard touchdown..

OAKLAND	7	3	21	5 — 36
ATLANTA	7	7	10	7 — 31

Scoring

Atl - Green 1-yd run (Andersen kick)
Oak- Kaufman 61-yd run (Ford kick)
Atl - Santiago 1-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
Oak - Ford 49-yd FG
Oak - Jett 51-yd pass from George (Ford kick)
Atl - Christian 3-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
Oak - Shedd 25-yd fumble return (Ford kick)
Atl - Andersen 51-yd FG
Oak- Kaufman 58-yd run (Ford kick)
Atl - Mathis 6-yd pass from Tolliver (Andersen kick)
Oak-Ford 31-yd FG
Oak- Russell forced safety on Tolliver

Team Statistics

	Oak	Atl
First Downs	11	24
Total Yardage	414	366
Rushes/Yards	20-149	26-116
Passing Yardage	265	250
Passes Comp/Att/Int	12-22-0	26-45-0
Sacked/Yards	3-21	6-49
Penalties/Yards	12-99	4-35
Fumbles/Lost	2-1	5-2

Rushing

Falcons: Hanspard 4-84, Anderson 9-26, Chandler 2-4, Green 11-2.

Raiders: Kaufman 14-140, Fenner 4-8, Brown 1-2, George 1-(-1).

Passing

Falcons: Chandler 16-25, 199 yds, 2 TD, Long 54; Tolliver 10-17, 100 yds, 1 TD, Long 17.

Raiders: George 12-22, 286 yds, 1 TD Long 76.

Receiving

Falcons: Mathis 6-55, Santiago 5-40, Emanuel 4-92, Hayes 3-41, Christian 3-24, Hanspard 2-30, Green 2-16, Anderson 1-1.

Raiders: Brown 4-69, Dudley 2-90, Kaufman 2-26, Jett 1-51, Davidson 1-25, Shedd 1-16, Fenner 1-9.

Game 4 (September 21)
San Francisco 34, Atlanta 7
3Com Park (60,404)

Steve Young threw for 336 yards and a pair of touchdowns as the 49ers caught the Falcons during a week without their starting quarterback.

Billy Joe Tolliver got his first NFL start since 1994, filling in for injured starter Chris Chandler, who had suffered an injured sternum the previous week against Oakland. After trailing just 3-0 after the first quarter, the Falcons let the game get away from them in the second quarter. Equipped with a 17-0 lead, the 49ers had the ball at their own 8-yard line with just 1:42 left in the first half. Instead of running out the clock, Young orchestrated a five-play, 92-yard drive that culminated in his 56-yard TD strike to Terrell Owens that put San Francisco on top 24-0 at halftime.

Bert Emanuel scored the lone Atlanta touchdown in the third quarter, capping a 15-play, 77-yard drive over 8:07. Tolliver avoided a sack on the play and hit Emanuel in the back left corner of the end zone

Rookie QB Tony Graziani received his first NFL action, replacing Tolliver with 6:58 left in the fourth quarter. Another rookie, guard Calvin Collins, started his first NFL game, replacing Roman Fortin at center.

Falcons LB David Brandon suffered a fractured left fibula in the second quarter, an injury that ended his 1997 season.

S. FRANCISCO ..	3	21	7	3 — 34
ATLANTA	0	0	7	0 — 7

Scoring

S.F. - Anderson 22-yard FG
S.F. - Stokes 10-yard pass from Young (Anderson kick)
S.F. - Kirby 1-yard run (Anderson kick)
S.F. - Owens 56-yard pass from Young (Anderson kick)
S.F. - Kirby 15-yard run (Anderson kick)
Atl - Emanuel 16-yard pass from Tolliver (Andersen kick)
S.F. - Anderson 32-yd FG

Team Statistics

	Atl	S.F.
First Downs	16	18
Total Yardage	216	424
Rushes/Yards	29-57	20-71
Passing Yardage	159	353
Passes Comp/Att/Int	21-37-1	19-31-0
Sacked/Yards	3-25	3-15
Penalties/Yards	8-41	4-27
Fumbles/ Lost	0-0	1-0

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 16-46, Mathis 1-6, Green 5-3.

49ers: Hearst 10-33, Kirby 4-21, Floyd 4-20.

Passing

Falcons: Tolliver 18-32-1, 167 yds, 1 TD, Long 28. Graziani 3-5-0, 17 yds, Long 11

49ers: Young 17-24-0, 336 yds, 2 TD, Long 69; Druckenmiller 2-7-0, 32 yds, Long 25.

Receiving

Falcons: Emanuel 6-62, Mathis 4-35, Green 4-13, Santiago 2-27, Anderson 2-10, Kinchen 1-28, Christian 1-6, West 1-3.

49ers: Floyd 7-85, Stokes 3-77, Uwaezuoke 3-41, Hearst 2-83, Jones 2-19, Owens 1-56, Edwards 1-7,

Game 5 (September 28)
Denver 29, Atlanta 21
Georgia Dome (48,211)

The Falcons battled back from a 23-0 first-half deficit, but couldn't quite complete the comeback against the eventual Super Bowl XXXII champions. This game drew national attention since it marked the first head-to-head matchup for Dan Reeves against the Broncos team he coached from 1981-92.

Denver jumped out of the gate early as Pro Bowl TE Shannon Sharpe hauled in a 65-yard TD pass from John Elway just minutes into the game. On Denver's next possession, Elway struck again, this time to Willie Green on a 10-yard TD pass. RB Terrell Davis, who was held relatively in check with 79 yards, scored on the two-point conversion/run to put Denver ahead 15-0 mid way through the first quarter. Davis added a 13-yard TD run in the second quarter for a 23-0 Broncos lead.

But Atlanta battled back. Ed West's 1-yard TD catch from Chris Chandler put the Falcons on the board. Bert Emanuel later caught a 3-yard TD pass from Chandler that cut the deficit to 23-14. Emanuel's score was set up by Byron Hanspard's 57-yard run. After another Broncos touchdown (failed two-point coversion), Jamal Anderson took a screen pass from Billy Joe Tolliver, who filled in for an injured Chandler early in the fourth quarter, 47 yards for the score as the Falcons closed to within 8 points. But the Falcons were unable to tie the game up on the final two possessions.

DENVER	15	8	6	0	— 29
ATLANTA	0	7	7	7	— 21

Scoring

Den - Sharpe 65-yard pass from Elway (Elam kick)
Den - Green 10-yard pass from Elway (Davis run)
Den - Davis 13-yard run (Davis run)
Atl - West 1-yard pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
Atl - Emanuel 3-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
Den- Smith 17-yd pass from Elway (Two-Pt Failed)
Atl - Anderson 47-yd pass from Tolliver (Andersen kick)

Team Statistics

	Den	Alt
First Downs	16	17
Total Yardage	329	308
Rushes/Yards	27-101	21-112
Passing Yardage	228	196
Passes Comp/Att/Int	18-32-1	18-32-1
Sacked/Yards	3-15	4-26
Penalties/Yards	10-76	5-27
Fumbles /Lost	0-0	0-0

Rushing

Falcons: Hanspard 8-67, Anderson 13-45.

Broncos: Davis 23-79, Elway 2-21.

Passing

Falcons: Chandler 12-22-1, 137 yds, Long 49; Tolliver 6-9-0, 85 yds, Long 47.

Broncos: Elway 18-32-1, 243 yds, 3 TD's, Long 65.

Receiving

Falcons: Emanuel 8-58, Anderson 3-68, Santiago 2-22, Mathis 1-49, Green 1-15, Hanspard 1-5, Christian 1-4, West 1-1.

Broncos: Sharpe 6-119, McCaffrey 4-48, Smith 3-28, Green 3-26, Smith 1-17 Jeffers 1-5.

Game 6 (October 12)
Atlanta 23, News Orleans 17
Louisiana Superdome (65,619)

Atlanta's defense established a franchise record with 10 sacks, including a career-high five by Chuck Smith, as the Falcons picked up their first victory of the season under new head coach Dan Reeves, who earned his 150th career win.

Smith's five sacks tied a franchise record set by Falcon great Claud Humphrey, while DT Travis Hall also set his personal best with three sacks. Rookie CB Michael Booker posted his first two NFL interceptions, contributing to the all-around excellent defensive effort.

Former Saints kicker Morten Andersen continued to haunt his former team by hitting field goals of 25, 32, and 55 yards, the last of which he nailed with one second left on the clock before halftime.

Atlanta got off to a flying start, thanks in part to its defense, which limited the Saints to just one first down in the first quarter and held a commanding 11:31 to 3:29 time of possesssion advantage.

The Falcons took a 23-3 lead after three quarters behind the strength of three Andersen field goals, a Bert Emanuel 9-yard TD reception, and a two-yard TD run by Jamal Anderson. QB Chris Chandler, meanwhile, had a solid performance, notching his second complete game of the season.

Atlanta's defense held the Saints to 179 yards.

ATLANTA	10	6	7	0	— 23
NEW ORLEANS	0	3	0	14	— 17

Scoring

Atl - Andersen 25-yd FG
Atl - Emanuel 9-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
N.O. - Brien 35-yd FG
Atl - Andersen 32-yd FG
Atl - Anderson 2-yd run (Andersen kick)
N.O. - Hastings 16-yd pass from Wherffel (Brien kick)
N.O. - Bates 1-yd run (Brien kick)

Team Statistics

	Atl	N.O.
First Downs	14	13
Total Yardage	166	179
Rushes/Yards	31-89	28-80
Passing Yardage	77	99
Passes Comp/Att/Int	10-22-0	14-22-2
Sacked/Yards	5-40	10-76
Penalties/Yards	6-46	6-39
Fumbles/Lost	2-2	5-2

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 21-62, Hanspard 6-24, Chandler 4-3.

Saints: Bates 15-31, Zellars 4-18, Davis 2-15, Shuler 3-9, Wuerffel 2-6, Bender 1-1, Hastings, 1-0.

Passing

Falcons: Chandler 10-22-0, 117 yds, 1 TD, Long 26.

Saints: Wuerffel 9-13-1, 120 yds, 1 TD, Long 32; Shuler 5-9-1, 55 yds, Long 38.

Receiving

Falcons: Emanuel 3-40, Mathis 2-30, Anderson 2-10, Green 1-26, West 1-8, Hanspard 1-3,

Saints: Hastings 4-96, Farquhar 4-40, Zellars 2-15, Davis 2-2, Bates 1-14, Hill 1-8.

Game 7 (October 19)
San Francisco 35, Atlanta 28
Georgia Dome (53,378)

The 49ers rushed for 197 yards and came up with a huge play in the fourth quarter that provided the winning cushion needed for victory.

With a 28-21 lead early in the fourth, San Francisco had the ball 3rd-and-12 from its own 17. As Steve Young dropped back to pass, he narrowly escaped Atlanta's furious pass rush and hurriedly dumped a screen pass off to Terry Kirby, who followed his blockers up the sideline all the way to Atlanta's one-yard line. On the next play, William Floyd bolted in for the touchdown, giving the 49ers a 35-21 lead. "That play came at a time when our defense was playing really well, too," LB Jessie Tuggle said after the game. "We had them backed up in a hole and that was a killer play."

Atlanta closed the gap back to 7 points when Terance Mathis caught a 4-yard TD pass from Billy Joe Tolliver, who again came in for injured starter Chris Chandler in the fourth quarter.

The Falcons appeared to have hope when they successfully converted the ensuing on-sides kick. But Atlanta's offense managed only four yards on the next drive.

SAN FRAN. ...	7	14	7	7	— 35
ATLANTA	7	7	7	7	— 28

Scoring

Atl - Emanuel 27 yd pass from Anderson (Andersen kick)
S.F. - Owens 5-yd pass from Young (Anderson kick)
S.F. - Kirby 1-yd run (Two-Pt Attempt failed)
S.F. - Kirby 7-yd run (Kirby run)
Atl - Santiago 7-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
S.F. - Owens 31-yd pass from Young (Anderson kick)
Atl - Kinchen 53-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
S.F. - Floyd 1-yd run (Anderson kick)
Atl - Mathis 4-yd pass from Tolliver (Andersen kick)

Team Statistics

	S.F.	Atl
First Downs	24	19
Total Yardage	438	292
Rushes/Yards	35-197	16-39
Passing Yardage	241	253
Passes Comp/Att/Int	16-25-1	22-44-0
Sacked/Yards	3-18	6-46
Penalties/Yards	11-90	9-91
Fumbles/Lost	0-0	2-0

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 13-19, Tolliver 1-12, Hanspard 1-6, Christian 1-2.

49ers: Hearst 18-105, Floyd 7-39, Young 4-29, Kirby 6-24.

Passing

Falcons: Chandler 15-30-0, 230 yds, 2 TD's, Long 53; Tolliver 6-13-0, 42 yds, 1 TD, Long 13; Anderson 1-1-0, 27 yds, 1 TD, Long 27.

49ers: Young 16-25-1, 259 yds, 2 TD's, Long 82.

Receiving

Falcons: Mathis 7-75, Emanuel 4-60, Kinchen 3-85, Anderson 2-28, Haynes 2-23, Santiago 2-11, West 1-13, Green 1-4.

49ers: Owens 6-93, Stokes 4-52, Kirby 3-93, Floyd 2-15, Clark 1-6.

Game 8 (October 26)
Carolina 21, Atlanta 12
Ericsson Stadium (54,675)

The team's 21-12 loss at Carolina seemed insignificant compared to what happened earlier in the day. Just hours before the team was to play in front of a packed stadium on TNT, the sad announcement came that Falcons owner and Chairman of the Board, Rankin Smith, passed away from heart complications.

With Mr. Smith weighing on their minds, rookie QB Tony Graziani took the field for his first NFL start filling in for Chris Chandler, who was still recovering from his second concussion in six weeks.

Atlanta's defense held Carolina to just 228 yards, but its offense never mounted a serious challenge after falling behind, 14-0 in the first quarter.

Graziani was constantly pressured by a furious Panthers pass rush and was held to just 4-of-18 passing before giving way to Billy Joe Tolliver in the third quarter.

Atlanta's ground game managed just 68 yards, while Carolina's Tim Biakabutuka rambled for 104 yards and two touchdowns. The Falcons had few highlights besides the 108-yard receiving day turned in by Terance Mathis. Jamal Anderson's 14-yard TD catch from Tolliver closed the gap to 9 points with 6:31 to play, but the Falcons could get no closer.

ATLANTA	0	3	3	6	— 12
CAROLINA	14	0	0	7	— 21

Scoring

Car - Biakabutuka 12-yard run (Kasay kick)
Car - Carrier 16-yard pass from Collins (Kasay kick)
Atl - Andersen 34-yard FG
Atl - Andersen 44-yard FG
Car - Biakabutuka 26-yard run (Kasay kick)
Atl - Anderson 14-yard pass from Tolliver (Two-pt Attempt failed)

Team Statistics

	Atl	Car
First Downs	17	14
Total Yardage	301	228
Rushes/Yards	23-68	36-137
Passing Yardage	233	91
Passes Comp/Att/Int	21-46-2	12-25-1
Sacked/Yards	2-8	3-16
Penalties/Yards	3-30	3-13
Fumbles/Lost	4-1	6-2

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 15-50, Graziani 2-18, Hanspard 2-3.

Panthers: Biakabutuka 23-104, Green 6-27, Collins 5-7, Lane 1-3.

Passing

Falcons: Tolliver 17-28-0, 217 yds, 1 TD, Long 28; Graziani 4-18-2, 24 yds, Long 13.

Panthers: Collins 12-25-1, 107 yds, 1 TD, Long 16

Receiving

Falcons: Mathis 8-107, Emanuel 5-48, Green 3-34, Haynes 2-20, Anderson 1-14, Santiago 1-13, Christian 1-5.

Panthers: Carrier 3-34, Ismail 2-24, Walls 2-21, Johnson 2-14, Green 2-8, Carruth 1-6.

Game 9 (November 2)
Atlanta 34, St. Louis 31
Georgia Dome (36,583)

Jamal Anderson rushed for a career-high 162 yards, but it was two big plays from reserve RB Harold Green that set up Morten Andersen's 24th game-winning field goal of his career.

After the Falcons had surrendered a game-tying touchdown to the Rams with 1:10 remaining, Green came through in grand style. Terance Mathis and Bert Emanuel, both of whom had outstanding days, each made big catches to start the drive. On the fourth play of the series, Chris Chandler hit Green on a screen pass to the left side. He was nearly tackled for a loss, but spun away for 19 yards down the left sideline. After an 8-yard pass to Mathis, Green went around left end, followed his blockers, and raced 22 yards down the left sidline to the 9. From there, Atlanta let the clock run down to set up Andersen's game-winning 27-yard FG.

"It's kind of hard to come off the bench not really warm," Green said. "But that's why we're here."

Chandler, meanwhile, was very sharp in his first action in two weeks, throwing for 276 yards and three touchdowns.

ATLANTA	0	17	14	3	— 34
ST LOUIS	3	21	0	7	— 31

Scoring

StL - Wilkens 38-yd FG
Atl - Emanuel 28-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
StL - Phillips 16-yard run (Wilkens kick)
Atl - Emanuel 33-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
StL - Bruce 29-yard pass from Banks (Wilkens kick)
StL - Bruce 9-yard pass from Banks (Wilkens kick)
Atl - Andersen 37-yard FG
Atl - Anderson 2-yard run (Andersen kick)
StL - Banks 1-yard run (Wilkins kick)
Atl - Andersen 27-yard FG

Team Statistics

	StL	Atl
First Downs	24	28
Total Yardage	507	462
Rushes/Yards	29-108	26-197
Passing Yardage	399	265
Passes Comp/Att/Int	23-34-1	19-32-1
Sacked/Yards	1-2	2-11
Penalties/Yards	12-57	9-61
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	0-0

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 20-162, Green 3-24, Chandler 1-6, Hanspard 1-4, Christian 1-1.

Rams: Phillips 22-74, Banks 3-18, Moore 2-14, Kennison 1-2, Heyward 1-0.

Passing

Falcons: Chandler 19-32-1, 276 yds, 3 TD's, Long 33.

Rams: Banks 23-34-1, 401 yds, 2 TD's, Long 59.

Receiving

Falcons: Mathis 7-73, Emanuel 6-108, Kinchen 2-42, Santiago 1-20, Green 1-19, Christian 1-8, Haynes 1-6.

Rams: Bruce 10-233, Lee 5-91, Small 4-49, Conwell 2-18, Kennison 1-10, Gruttadauria 1-0.

Game 10 (November 9)
Tampa Bay 31, Atlanta 10
Georgia Dome (46,018)

Tampa Bay's one-two scoring punch of FB Mike Alstott and RB Warrick Dunn combined for over 200 yards of offense and three touchdowns as the Bucs showcased their talent in a lopsided victory.

Tampa capitalized on Todd Kinchen's first-quarter fumble to strike first on Allstott's 47-yard, powering run. The Falcons countered late in the first quarter when Chris Chandler found Bert Emanuel for a 30-yard TD, his 6th TD catch in 7 games. But just as the Falcons seemed to gain momentum from that score, they followed with a couple of miscues that cost them 10 points in 45 seconds. First, they allowed Tampa to drive 73 yards on eight plays, capped by Trent Dilfer's 24-yard scoring pass to Dunn with 45 seconds left in the first half. The Falcons then went backwards on three plays and were forced to punt near their goal line. Dan Stryzinski's punt traveled just 21 yards to the 36. And with nine seconds left, Michael Husted connected on a 54-yard FG that gave the Bucs a 10-point lead. Atlanta struck within 7 points on Morten Andersen's 34-yard field goal in the third quarter, but would not score again.

Tampa's offensive line held the Falcons without a sack, ending Atlanta's streak of 21 games with at least one sack. Mathis made his 300th career reception and LB Cornelius Bennett had his 1,000th career tackle.

TAMPA BAY	7	10	7	7	— 31
ATLANTA	0	7	3	0	— 10

Scoring

T.B. - Alstott 47-yd run (Husted kick)
Atl - Emanuel 30-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
T.B. - Dunn 24-yd pass from Dilfer (Husted kick)
T.B. - Husted 54-yd FG
Atl - Andersen 34-yd FG
T.B. - Moore 14-yd pass from Dilfer (Husted kick)
T.B. - Dunn 30-yd run (Husted kick)

Team Statistics

	T.B.	Atl
First Downs	20	18
Total Yardage	349	275
Rushes/Yards	38-199	24-102
Passing Yardage	150	173
Passes Comp/Att/Int	12-20-0	19-27-0
Sacked/Yards	0-0	5-39
Penalties/Yards	5-45	5-35
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	2-2

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 14-49, Hanspard 3-34, Chandler 4-11, Green 2-5, Christian 1-3.

Buccaneers: Alstott 14-77, Dunn 14-76, Rhett 6-30, Dilfer 3-16, Walsh 1-0.

Passing

Falcons: Chandler 19-27-1, 212 yds, 1 TD, Long 30.

Buccaneers: Dilfer 12-20-0, 150 yds, 2 TD's, Long 24.

Receiving

Falcons: Anderson 7-47, Green 4-54, Mathis 3-32, Emanuel 2-43, Kinchen 2-25, Christian 1-11.

Buccaneers: Williams 4-38, Dunn 3-57, Moore 2-25, Copeland 2-23, Hape 1-7.

Game 11 (November 16)
Atlanta 27, St. Louis 21
Trans World Dome (64,299)

Brian Kozlowski's two-yard TD catch from Chris Chandler proved to be the game-winning score as the Falcons defeated the Rams for the second time in three weeks.

The Falcons had led the entire game until a 1-yard TD run by Lawrence Phillips gave the Rams a 21-17 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Kozlowski's TD came after the Rams' Jeff Wilkins had missed a 48-yard FG attempt. A key play in the drive was a 44-yard catch by Terance Mathis, who adjusted his route to get open. Morten Andersen, who became the 6th player in NFL history to score over 1,600 points, later connected on a 44-yard field goal, making the Rams need a touchdown to win.

On the ensuing possession, the Rams drove down to Atlanta's 18-yard line with 1:22 remaining. On 2nd-and-4 they attempted a draw play to Jerald Moore, but he was nailed for a three-yard loss by Travis Hall. Shane Dronett sacked Tony Banks on the next play, then Banks threw incomplete on 4th-and-16 with 43 secons left.

Jamal Anderson, who rushed for 72 yards, put Atlanta on the board first, delivering a stiff arm to Rams safety Toby Wright as he scored from four yards out.

ATLANTA	7	3	7	10 — 27
St. LOUIS	0	7	14	0 — 21

Scoring

Atl - Anderson 4-yard run (Andersen kick)
Atl - Andersen 27-yard FG
StL - Conwell 1yard pass from Banks (Wilkins kick)
Atl - Anderson 1-yard run (Andersen kick)
StL - Lee 19-yard pass from Banks (Wilkins kick)
StL - Phillips 1-yard run (Wilkins kick)
Atl - Kozlowski 2-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
Atl - Andersen 44-yard FG

Team Statistics

	Atl	StL
First Downs	22	22
Total Yardage	314	326
Rushes/Yards	29-100	25-88
Passing Yardage	214	237
Passes Comp/Att/Int	20-30-1	21-38-0
Sacked/Yards	2-18	3-24
Penalties/Yards	8-45	8-79
Fumbles/Lost	1-1	0-0

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 19-72, Green 3-19, Hanspard 4-9, Chandler 3-0.

Rams: Phillips 13-50, Moore 6-18, Banks 5-16, Heyward 1- 4.

Passing

Falcons: Chandler 20-30-1, 232 yds, 1 TD, Long 44.

Rams: Banks 21-38-0, 266 yds, 2 TD's, Long 76.

Receiving

Falcons: Mathis 6-85, Emanuel 3-52, Christian 3-32, Green 2-9, Kozlowski 2-7, West 1-23, Santiago 1-11, Anderson 1-8, Kinchen 1-5.

Rams: Lee 5-61, Conwell 5-20, Kennison 3-97, Bruce 3-50, Phillips 3-28, Moore 1-6, Laing 1-4.

Game 12 (November 23)
Atlanta 20, New Orleans 3
Georgia Dome (48,620)

The Falcons held the Saints to only 173 yards of offense and intercepted a season-high four passes, sweeping the Saints for the third straight year.

Ronnie Bradford, Michael Booker, Ray Buchanan, and Devin Bush all came up with interceptions for the Falcons, whose four picks were just three less than they had the entire previous season.

Bert Emanuel, who led Falcons receivers with 4 catches for 96 yards, broke open a 6-3 game in the third quarter when he hauled in a 36-yard TD pass from Chris Chandler, putting Atlanta on top, 13-3. Terance Mathis later added a 4-yard TD score to put the game away.

The Saints started a new quarterback in Doug Nussmeier, but after throwing three interceptions, he was replaced by Billy Joe Hobert. Neither one could spark the Saints, who were held to just 1-of-13 third-down conversions.

Atlanta continued its sack assault, coming up with 7 on the afternoon. Defensive tackles Travis Hall and Shane Dronett each had 2.5 sacks apiece, while All Pro tackle Willie Roaf held Chuck Smith without a sack after giving up five in their previous meeting.

Cornelius Bennett's fumble recovery in the first quarter was the 21st of his career, tying him for 10th on the NFL's all-time list.

ATLANTA	3	3	7	7 — 20
NEW ORLEANS	0	3	0	0 — 3

Scoring

Atl - Andersen 43-yard FG
Atl - Andersen 22-yard FG
N.O. - Brien 22-yard FG
Atl - Emanuel 36-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
Atl - Mathis 4-yard pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)

Team Statistics

	N.O.	Atl
First Downs	11	16
Total Yardage	170	269
Rushes/Yards	20-55	64-269
Passing Yardage	115	177
Passes Comp/Att/Int	14-29-4	17-27-0
Sacked/Yards	6-32	5-34
Penalties/Yards	3-20	4-40
Fumbles/Lost	2-1	4-1

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 21-65, Hanspard 6-14, Chandler 4-13, Christian 1-0.

Saints: Nussmeier 5-25, Zellars 11-19, McCrary 4-11.

Passing

Falcons: Chandler 17-23-0, 211 yds, 2 TD's, Long 41; Anderson 1-0-0, 0 yds.

Saints: Nussmeier 10-19-3, 101 yds, Long 24; Hobert 4-10-1, 49 yds, Long 22.

Receiving

Falcons: Emanuel 4-96, Mathis 3-30, Christian 3-17, Anderson 2-16, West 2-15, Green 1-21, Haynes 1-12, Kinchen 1-4.

Saints: Guliford 4-40, Smith 2-30, McCrary 2-20, Zellars 2-13, Bech 1-22, Hastings 1-15, Hill 1-7, Davis 1-3.

Game 13 (November 30)
Atlanta 24, Seattle 17
Kingdome (52,584)

Rookie RB Byron Hanspard returned a third-quarter kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown as the Falcons ended Seattle's hopes of making the playoffs with an upset at the Kingdome.

The Falcons jumped out to a 17-0 lead on the strength of two Jamal Anderson touchdowns – one by ground (1 yard) and one by air (13 yards). Seatle closed to within 17-14 on a pair of TD passes from Warren Moon. But Hanspard's return for a TD, the first by the Falcons since Tony Smith's 97-yarder in 1993, extended Atlanta's lead back to 10 points. "Everybody stuck with their blocks and Harold Green just led me through the crease," Hanspard said of his return.

Todd Peterson's 35-yard field goal with 8:57 remaining pulled the Seahawks to within 7. But Seattle's chances of catching up ended when CB Lenny McGill picked off a pass intended for Mike Pritchard at the Atlanta 29 with 1:27 left. "As the receiver made his move, I glanced back at the quarterback, saw the ball coming and went after it," McGill said.

Hanspard's 93-yard return was the 8th longest in Facons history.

ATLANTA	7	10	7	0	— 24
SEATTLE	0	7	7	3	— 17

Scoring

Atl - Anderson 1-yard run (Andersen kick)
Atl - Anderson 13-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
Atl - Andersen 18-yard FG
Sea - Galloway 16-yd pass from Moon (Peterson kick)
Sea - Broussard 20-yd pass from Moon (Peterson kick)
Atl - Hanspard 93-yd kickoff return (Anderson kick)
Sea - Peterson 35-yard FG

Team Statistics

	Atl	Sea.
First Downs	14	19
Total Yardage	273	351
Rushes/Yards	25-72	25-123
Passing Yardage	201	228
Passes Comp/Att/Int	15-23-0	24-38-1
Sacked/Yards	1-3	3-12
Penalties/Yards	3-20	5-35
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	1-0

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 16-41, Mathis 1-16, Chandler 6-8, Hanspard 2-7.

Seahawks: Warren 15-87, Smith 6-27, Broussard 2-8, Moon 1-2.

Passing

Falcons: Chandler 15-23-0, 204 yds, 1 TD, Long 28.

Seahawks: Moon 24-38-1, 240 yds, 2 TD's, Long 25.

Receiving

Falcons: Emanuel 4-71, Mathis 3-42, Green 2-28, Christian 2-14, Kozlowski 1-28, Anderson 1-13, Kinchen 1-6, Smith 1-2.

Seahawks: Pritchard 6-66, McKnight 5-61, Broussard 4-30, Galloway 3-34, Warren 3-13, Fauria 1-25, Smith 1-6, Crumpler 1-5.

Game 14 (December 7)
Atlanta 14, San Diego 3
Qualcomm Stadium (46,317)

For the second straight week, rookie RB Byron Hanspard proved to be the difference. He returned the second half kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown, providing the needed spark in Atlanta's fourth road victory of the season.

Hanspard, whose return was the third longest in club history, became the first Falcon ever to return two kickoffs for TD's in the same season. He also became the first rookie to return kickoffs for TD's in back-to-back games since Isaac Thomas did so with the Cowboys back in 1971.

With the victory the Falcons successfully completed a two-game west coast road trip. Following the victory at Seattle, the team flew directly to San Diego, where they trained all week at UCSD. The saved time from flying back and forth across the country obviously paid off for the Falcons, who won back-to-back road games for the first time since 1994.

Atlanta took a 7-0 lead in the second quarter when Chris Chandler connected with Terance Mathis on a 19-yard scoring pass. Following Hanspard's touchdown, San Diego finally got on the board when former Falcon Greg Davis was good on a 37-yard FG with 7:13 left in the third quarter.

The Chargers threatened on their next possession, driving down to Atlanta's 3-yard line. But on 3rd-and-3 from the 3, Craig Whelihan's pass was intercepted by Ray Buchanan.

ATLANTA	0	7	7	0	— 14
SAN DIEGO	0	0	3	0	— 3

Scoring

Atl - Mathis 19-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
Atl - Hanspard 99-yard kickoff return (Andersen kick)
S.D. - Davis 37-yard FG

Team Statistics

	Atl	S.D.
First Downs	13	16
Total Yardage	204	268
Rushes/Yards	28-96	17-47
Passing Yardage	108	221
Passes Comp/Att/Int	10-23-1	22-41-3
Sacked/Yards	1-7	4-38
Penalties/Yards	9-79	9-53
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	0-0

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 22-60, Chandler 2-20, Mathis 1-13.

Chargers: Brown 11-24, Fletcher 5-16, Whelihan 1-7.

Passing

Falcons: Chandler 10-23-1, 115 yds, 1 TD, Long 22.

Chargers: Whelihan 22-41-3, 259 yds, Long 47.

Receiving

Falcons: Emanuel 3-32, Kinchen 2-32, Mathis 1-19, Haynes 1-18, Kozlowski 1-7, Hanspard 1-5, Christian 1-2.

Chargers: Metcalf 8-109, Still 3-39, Fletcher 3-27, Hartley 2-30, Martin 2-28, Brown 2-3, Mitchell 1-14, Jones.

Game 15 (December 14)
Atlanta 20, Philadelphia 17
Georgia Dome (42,866)

Morten Andersen kicked the 25th game-winning field goal of his career – this one a 33-yarder – as the Falcons remained one of the hottest teams in the NFL with their 5th consecutive victory.

The Falcons rushed for a season-high 211 yards, including 78 from Jamal Anderson and 76 from Byron Hanspard. Atlanta held a 10 point lead in the fourth quarter only to see Philadelphia tie the game at 17-all on Chris Boniol's 39-yard field goal with 1:55 left in the game.

But the Falcons weren't about to let this game slip away. On the third play of their next drive, Chris Chandler flipped a screen pass to Harold Green, who made a nice catch on a low throw, before scampering 47 yards down to Philadelphia's 18-yard line. Chandler followed with a 3-yard run up the middle to run the clock down to five seconds remaining. That set up Andersen, who calmy nailed the ball through for the winning margin.

Green's catch and run was similar to one he had earlier in the season to beat the Rams at the Georgia Dome. "The throw was kind of short, so I wanted to make sure I caught the ball before I worked my way up field," Green later said. "I was just trying to get as many yards as I could to put us in field goal position."

Besides the winning kick, Andersen passed Hall of Famer Jan Stenerud for third place on the NFL's all-time FG list with the 374 of his career.

ATLANTA	0	7	7	6 — 20
PHILADELPHIA .	7	0	0	10 — 17

Scoring

Phil - Timpson 3-yd pass from Hoying (Boniol kick)
Atl - Hanspard 10-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
Atl - Anderson 2-yd run (Andersen kick)
Atl - Andersen 21-yd FG
Phil - Watters 1-yd run (Boniol kick)
Phil - Boniol 39-yd FG
Atl - Andersen 33-yd FG

Team Statistics

	Phil	Atl
First Downs	15	21
Total Yardage	277	386
Rushes/Yards	20-106	36-211
Passing Yardage	171	175
Passes Comp/Att/Int	16-34-1	12-21-0
Sacked/Yards	1-9	5-35
Penalties/Yards	6-50	4-35
Fumbles/Lost	0-0	2-1

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 21-78, Hanspard 5-76, Chandler 7-38, Green 3-19.

Eagles: Watters 15-95, Hoying 2-6, Garner 3-5.

Passing

Falcons: Chandler 12-21-0, 210 yds, 1 TD, Long 47.

Eagles: Hoying 16-34-1, 108 yds, 1 TD, Long 56

Receiving

Falcons: Mathis 4-57, Kinchen 3-39, Kozlowski 2-41, Green 1-47, Emanuel 1-16, Hanspard 1-10.

Eagles: Watters 4-35, Fryar 2-35, Solomon 2-64, Turner 2-2, Dunn 1-15, Jones 1-11, Lewis 1-8, Garner 1-7, Timpson 1-3.

Game 16 (December 21)
Arizona 29, Atlanta 26
Sun Devil Stadium (32,003)

Rookie QB Jake Plummer's 1-yard TD pass to Larry Centers capped an improbable comeback for the Cardinals, who halted Atlanta's 5-game winning streak in the final game of 1997.

The Falcons appeared to be in control when Morten Andersen's 26-yard FG gave Atlanta a 26-14 lead with 8:41 remaining in the game. The Cardinals countered, however, with an 8-play, 69-yard drive, that culminated with Plummer's 21-yard TD strike to Rob Moore to pull Arizona within 26-21 with 4:55 left.

The Falcons then methodically drove down to Arizona's 37-yard line at the two-minute warning and needed just one more first down to run out the clock. But on 3rd-and-1, LB Mike Caldwell broke through unblocked to stuff Jamal Anderson for a 1-yard loss. The Falcons lost about 30 seconds prior to that play when game officials illegally stopped the clock to measure for a first down, but the Falcons were obviously a yard short.

Dan Stryzinski proceeded to punt the ball into the end zone, giving Arizona the ball at its 20-yard line with 1:52 to go. The Cardinals also benefitted on their winning drive from a pair of questionable pass interference calls – one that went for 39 yards against Ronnie Bradford, and a one-yard call against Juran Bolden that gave Arizona the ball at the Falcons' one-yard line.

Anderson's 152 yards rushing gave him his second straight 1000-yard season (1,002).

ARIZONA	7	7	0	15 — 29
ATLANTA	14	3	3	6 — 26

Scoring

Atl - Emanuel 38-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
Ari - Gedney 1HAd pass from Plummer (Nedney kick)
Atl - Mathis 17-yd pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)
Atl - Andersen 25-yd FG
Ari - Plummer 1-yd run (Nedney kick)
Atl - Andersen 31-yd FG
Atl - Andersen 20-yd FG
Atl - Andersen 26-yd FG
Ari - Moore 21-yd pass from Plummer (Nedney kick)
Ari - Centers 1-yd pass from Plummer (Plummer run)

Team Statistics

	Atl	Ari
First Downs	22	20
Total Yardage	356	297
Rushes/Yards	40-189	18-66
Passing Yardage	167	231
Passes Comp/Att/Int	13-20-1	19-40-2
Sacked/Yards	3-9	2-6
Penalties/Yards	6-63	9-75
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	0-0

Rushing

Falcons: Anderson 33-152, Chandler 5-35, Christian 1-2, Green 1-0.

Cardinals: Moore 10-36, Centers 3-20, Plummer 3-8, Smith 1-2, McElroy 1-0.

Passing

Falcons: Chandler 13-19-0, 176 yds, 2 TD's, Long 38; Anderson 0-1-1.

Cardinals: Plummer 19-40-2, 237 yds, 3 TD's Long 44.

Receiving

Falcons: Emanuel 5-75, Anderson 4-36, Mathis 3-49, Kozlowski 1-16.

Cardinals: Moore 7-91, Sanders 4-82, Centers 4-32, Williams 2-25, Carter 1-6, Gedney 1-1.

1998 Atlanta Falcons Cheerleaders

Celentria Adams	2nd Year	Decatur
Nina Ahlin	2nd Year	Atlanta
Keisha Austin	1st Year	Conyers
Star Bradley	1st Year	Atlanta
Holly Broadwell	1st Year	St. Simons Island
Angel Cain	3rd Year	Atlanta
Amy Campbell	1st Year	Atlanta
Laura Chisholm	1st Year	Aiken, SC
Paige Conner	2nd Year	Atlanta
Amber Corbitt	1st Year	Newnan
Jillian Edwards	5th Year	Marietta
Tiffany Fallon	1st Year	Atlanta
Syretheal Glover	4th Year	Dunwoody
Alicia Hall	3rd Year	Jonesboro
Kim Hallman	3rd Year	Marietta
Melissa Henderson	1st Year	Marietta
Kara Hobbs	2nd Year	Lawrenceville
Tina Lancon	3rd Year	Dunwoody
Tiffany Locke	2nd Year	Marietta
Tiffany Mabrey	1st Year	Norcross
Lisa Marak	2nd Year	Suwanee
Angeline Matranga	3rd Year	Atlanta
Kelly McClain	3rd Year	Calhoun
Thomasina McCoy	2nd Year	Ellenwood
Danielle Mullen	2nd Year	Atlanta
Danielle Ogletree	6th Year	Morrow
Tabatha Pugh	1st Year	Stone Mountain
Kara Robertson	3rd Year	Greenwood, SC
Jennifer Rudd	1st Year	Atlanta
Stacie Shirley	2nd Year	Atlanta
Jamie Slaughter	1st Year	Decatur
Amy Tweedy	4th Year	Cumming
Chato Waters	1st Year	Atlanta
Melissa Williams	1st Year	Acworth

Laura Mason, Cheerleader Director

Club Records / History

TEAM RECORDS

Total Games Played:	480
Regular Season Record:	182-293-5 (32 seasons) (111-128-2 home, 71-165-3 road)
Playoff Games Played:	7 (2 home, 5 away)
Playoff Record:	2-5 (1-1 at home, 1-4 away)
Most Games Won, Season:	12 in 1980 (all regular)
	11 in 1991 (10 reg. - 1 play.)
	10 in 1978 (9 reg. - 1 play.)
Best Winning Percentage, Overall Season:	706 in 1980 (12-5)
	643 in 1973 (9-5)
Best Winning Percentage, Regular Season:	.750 in 1980 (12-4)
Fewest Games Won, Season:	1 in 1967 (.077-1-12-1)
Playoff Berths:	5 1978, 1980, 1982, 1991, 1995
Division Titles:	1 1980

CONSECUTIVES

Most Consecutive Wins
9 (1980)...7 (1973)...6 (Last 2, 1985 —1st 4, 1986)...5 (1997, 1991, 1978)

Most Consecutive Home Wins
7 (5 in 1980, 2 in '81)...7 (1978)

Most Consecutive Road Wins
6 (1980)...4 (1973)...3 (1997, 1986, 1982)

Most Consecutive Losses
11 (Last 7, 1967 — 1st 4, 1968)...9 (1st 9 played, 1984)...8 (1st 8 played, 1996)

ATTENDANCE

Home Season, Total Sold (10 games)
703,423 (1992)...629,595 (1993)...607,490 (1981)...602,409 (1994)...595,268 (1980)

Actual Attendance (10 games)
635,660 (1992)...557,537 (1993)...545,884 (1994)...524,132 (1981)

Regular Season, Sold (8 games)
564,118 (1992)...513,668 (1993)...504,212 (1994)

Regular Season, Actual (8 games)
506,261 (1992)...458,509 (1994)...456,631 (1993)

Largest Attendance, Game
Home: 70,089 (10-29-95 vs. Dallas)
67,404 (11-9-92 vs. S.F.)
67,357 (9-18-94 vs. K.C.)
67,337 (11-21-93 vs. Dallas)
67,328 (9-20-92 vs. NO)
67,298 (10-16-94 vs. S.F.)
67,036 (12-21-92 vs. Dallas)
Away: 83,437 (11-26-67 at NO, Tulane Stadium)

Consecutive Sellouts, Home
28 1971-74

LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY

55 at NO, 62-7, (9-16-73)
41 at SD, 41-0, (10-21-73)
40 Chicago, 46-6, (10-14-73)
36 TB, 43-7, (11-17-91)
35 NO, 35-0, (12-12-82)
34 NE, 34-0, (11-29-92)
32 Houston, 42-10, (9-23-84)
31 at NO, 41-10, (11-1-81)
28 NO, 45-17, (12-7-69)
28 Rams, 31-3, (10-1-72)
28 at TB, 35-7, (12-13-92)

LARGEST MARGIN OF LOSSES

59 at Rams, 0-59, (12-4-76)
44 at Balt, 0-44, (12-1-68)
43 at St. Louis, 16-59, (11-10-96)
42 Balt, 7-49, (11-12-67)
42 at SF, 3-45, (11-12-89)
40 at Minn, 7-47, (9-14-68)
39 vs. SF, 3-42, (10-16-94)
39 at Wash, 17-56, (11-10-91)
39 at SF, 17-56, (10-18-92)
38 at Minn, 0-38, (11-9-75)
38 at TB, 10-48, (9-13-87)
38 NO, 0-38, (11-1-87)
38 SF, 3-41, (11-9-92)

BIGGEST COMEBACKS

21 at Jets (10-23-83), Down 21-0, Won 27-21
21 G.B. (11-27-83), Down 21-0, Won 47-41-OT
18 at St. Louis (11-9-80), Down 24-6, Won 33-27-OT
17 vs. S.F. (12-11-93), Down 24-7, Won 27-24
17 at G.B. (9-13-81), Down 17-0, Won 31-17
17 L.A. Rams (10-18-87), Down 17-0, Won 24-20
14 L.A. Rams (10-14-93), Down 17-3, Won 30-24
14 New Orleans (10-31-76), Down 14-0, Won 23-20
14 N.Y. Giants (10-1-78), Down 14-0, Won 23-20
14 at New Orleans (11-12-78), Down 17-3, Won 20-17
14 at Buffalo (11-2-80), Down 14-0, Won 30-14
14 St. Louis (10-18-81), Down 14-0, Won 41-20
14 Minnesota (11-23-81), Down 21-7, Won 31-30
14 L.A. Rams (11-21-82), Down 14-0, Won 34-17
14 S.F. 49ers (11-20-83), Down 14-0, Won 28-24
14 Green Bay (12-1-91), Down 21-7, Won 35-31

LONGEST GAME PLAYED

4:23 San Francisco (10-6-85)

SHORTEST GAME PLAYED

2:16 at New England (9-24-72)

SCORING

Most Points, Season
426 (1981)...405 (1980)...370 (1983)

Most Points, Game
62 at New Orleans (7), 9-16-73
48 vs. Chicago (31), 11-16-69
47 vs. Green Bay (41), OT, 11-27-83
47 vs. Houston (27), 9-9-90

Most Points, First Half
34 vs. Detroit, 10-5-80
33 vs. Tampa Bay, 11-17-91

Most Points, Second Half
38 at New Orleans, 9-16-73

Most Points, One Quarter
33 vs. Tampa Bay, 11-17-91 (2nd Qtr)
31 at Green Bay, 9-13-81 (4th Qtr)

Most Points, Each Quarter
1st: 21 vs. Houston, 9-23-84
21 vs. Houston, 9-9-90

2nd: 33 vs. Tampa Bay, 11-17-91
24 at New Orleans, 9-16-73
24 vs. Washington, 12-17-89
3rd: 24 at New Orleans, 10-19-80
4th: 31 at Green Bay, 9-13-81

Most Points, Both Teams, Game
90 Falcons (33) vs. Steelers (57), 12-18-66 (H)
88 Falcons (47) vs. Packers (41), 11-27-83 (H)
80 Falcons (35) vs. 49ers (45), 10-14-90 (H)
79 Falcons (48) vs. Bears (31), 11-16-69 (H)
79 Falcons (38) vs. Lions (41), 10-3-71 (A)

Most Points, Both Teams, By Quarter
1st: 34 Falcons (13) — Raiders (21), 11-30-75 (A)
2nd: 41 Falcons (20) — Saints (21), 9-2-79 (A)
3rd: 35 Falcons (14) — Steelers (21), 12-18-66 (H)
4th: 31 Falcons (24) — Eagles (7), 11-11-73 (A)

Most Touchdowns, Season
52 (1981)...50 (1980)...46 (1983)

Most Touchdowns, Game
8 at New Orleans, 9-16-73
6 vs. Chicago, 11-16-69
6 vs. New Orleans, 12-7-69
6 vs. Houston, 9-23-84

Most Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game
12 Atlanta (5) vs. Pittsburgh (7), 12-18-66 (H)

Most PAT's, Season
51 (1981)...46 (1980)...43 (1983)

Most PAT's, Game
8 at New Orleans, 9-16-73...6 Three times

Most PAT's, Both Teams
11 Atlanta (5) vs. SF (6), 10-14-90
10 Atlanta (6) vs. Bears (4), 11-16-69
10 Atlanta (5) at Packers (5), 11-27-83
10 Atlanta (5) at Lions (5), 10-3-71

Most Two-Point Conversions, Season
3 in 1995 (3-for-8)...3 in 1994 (3-for-4)

Most FG's, Season
33 in 1995 (40 att.)...26 in 1993 (27 att.)
26 in 1973 (38 att.)...24 in 1985 (31 att.)
23 in 1997 (27 att.)...23 in 1989 (32 att.)
23 in 1986 (36 att.)...22 in 1996 (29 att.)

Most FG's Made, Game
6 at NO, 11-13-94
5 at Dallas, 10-20-96
5 vs. New England, 10-1-95
5 vs. L.A. Rams, 11-4-73
5 vs. L.A. Rams, 10-30-78

Most FG's Made, Both Teams
8 Atlanta (6) at NO (2), 11-13-94 (A)
7 Atlanta (2) at Car (5), 9-1-96 (A)
7 Atlanta (1) at S.F. (6), 9-29-96 (A)
7 Atlanta (5) vs. L.A. Rams (2), 11-4-73 (H)
7 Atlanta (1) vs. St. Louis (6), 12-9-73 (H)

Most FG's Attempted, Game
6 at NO, 11-13-94 (6 made)
6 vs. SF, 10-7-73, (3 made)

Most FG's Attempted, Both Teams
10 Atlanta (3) vs. St. Louis (7), 12-11-66 (H)

Most Conseucitve Games Scored In
114 (1978-86)...77 (1988-93)...75 (1993-present)

FIRST DOWNS

Most First Downs, Season
336 (1980)...325 (1983)...318 (1981)...317 (1995)

Most First Downs, Game
35 vs. New Orleans, 1979
34 vs. St. Louis (Cardinals), 1980
32 vs. New Orleans, 1973

Most First Downs, Both Teams
59 Atlanta (35) at NO (24), 9-2-79

Most First Downs, Rushing, Season
149 (1985)...149 (1986)...145 (1980)

Most First Downs, Rushing, Game
19 vs. NO, 10-24-71

Most First Downs, Passing, Season
218 (1994)...216 (1995)...203 (1996)...194 (1992)...190 (1983)...176 (1981)..173 (1989)... 168 (1997, '90)...166 (1980)

Most First Downs, Passing, Game
22 vs. Detroit, 11-5-95
21 at St. Louis Cardinals, 11-9-80
20 vs. L.A. Rams, 9-11-94

Most First Downs, Penalty, Season
31 (1978)...27 (1979)...26 (1981)...25 (1997)

Most First Downs, Penalty, Game
7 at Cleveland, 9-27-81

TOTAL YARDS

Most Net Yards Gained, Season
5,661 (1981), 5,650 (1980), 5,628 (1983)

Most Yards Gained, Game
563 vs. St. Louis, (209-R, 354-P), 11-9-80 (A)
552 vs. NO, (257-R, 295-P), 9-2-79 (A)

Most Yards Gained, Game, Both Teams
1,061 Atlanta (552) at NO (509), 9-2-79

Most Total Plays, Season
1,144 (1981), 1,090 (1985), 1,086 (1986)

RUSHING

Most Yards Gained, Season
2,524 (1986), 2,466 (1985), 2,406 (1980)

Most Yards Gained, Game
297 vs. L.A. Rams, 10-1-72

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game
476 Atl. (169) vs. Wash (307), 11-3-85

Most Rushing Attempts, Season
582 (1977)...578 (1986)...559 (1980)...559 (1985)

Most Rushing Attempts, Game
58 at Tampa Bay, 11-27-77

Most Rushing Att. Both Teams, Game
105 Atl. (43) at Raiders (62), 11-30-75

Best Rushing Average, Season
4.523 (1969), 4.520 (1983), 4.441 (1996), 4.411 (1985)

Most TD's Rushing, Season
18 (1973), 17 (1983), 16 (1984), 16 (1972)

Most TD's Rushing, Game
5 at San Diego, 10-21-73

PASSING

Most Net Yards Passing, Season
4,186 (1995)...4,112 (1994)...3,700 (1981)... 3,655 (1996)...3,635 (1992)...3,520 (1993)... 3,514 (1989)...3,461 (1990)...3,449 (1991)

Most Net Yards Passing, Game
416 vs. Pittsburgh, 11-15-81

Most Net Yds Passing, Both Teams, Game
807 Atlanta (365) vs. SF (442), 10-14-90
722 Atl. (378) at Cards (344), 11-9-80
722 Atl. (346) vs. Wash (376), 12-17-89

Most Passing Attempts, Season
629 (1994)...603 (1995)...600 (1996)...578 (1989)...573 (1993)...563 (1981)...548 (1992)...528 (1990)...507 (1983)...501 (1987)... 500...(1991)

Most Passing Attempts, Game
66 vs. Detroit (37 comp), 12-24-89

56 at Carolina (31 comp), 12-17-95
56 vs. L.A. Raiders (34 comp), 9-19-82

Most Passing Att. Both Teams, Game
102 Atlanta (45) vs. SF (57), 10-6-85

Most Passes Completed, Season
374 in 1994 (629 att)...366 in 1992 (548 att)...
364 in 1995 (603 att)...356 in 1996 (600 att)...
334 in 1993 (573 att)...321 in 1983 (507 att)...
312 in 1989 (578 att)...311 in 1981 (563 att)...

Most Passes Completed, Game
37 vs. Detroit (66 att), 12-24-89
34 vs. L.A. Raiders (56 att), 9-19-82
34 vs. Dallas (46 att), 12-21-92
33 vs. Philly (49 att), 9-22-96

Most Passes Comp. Both Teams, Game
68 Atlanta (31) vs. SF (37), 10-6-85

Best Completion Percentage, Season
64.0 (1982), 63.3 (1983), 61.5 (1984), 61.3 (1992)

Most TD Passes, Season
33 (1992)...31 (1980)...30 (1991, '81)...
28 (1993)...26 (1997, '96, '95)...25 (1994)...
24 (1983)

Most TD Passes, Game
5 at Tampa Bay, 12-13-92

Most TD Passes, Both Teams, Game
10 Atlanta (4) vs. SF (6), 10-14-90
8 Atlanta (2) at Wash (6), 11-10-91
7 Atlanta (3) at Cincy (4), 11-24-96
7 Atlanta (3) at Arizona (4), 11-26-95
7 Atlanta (3) vs. TB (4), 10-31-93
7 Atlanta (4) at Chicago (3), 9-27-92
7 Atlanta (2) vs. Pitt (5), 11-15-81
7 Atlanta (3) at Pitt (4), 11-3-68
7 Atlanta (1) vs. Clev (6), 10-30-66

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Season
32 in 1987 (501 att.)...31 in 1974 (355 att.)...
30 in 1996 (600 att.)...29 in 1975 (388 att.)...
26 in 1977 (297 att.)...25 in 1994 (629 att.)...
25 in 1993 (573 att.)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Game
6 vs. St. Louis Rams, 12-15-96
6 at Houston, 12-5-93
6 vs. L.A. Rams, 10-1-72

Most Passes Had Int, Both Teams, Game
8 Atlanta (3) vs. Denver (5), 11-23-75
7 Atlanta (6) vs. St. Louis (1), 12-15-96

Fewest Passes, Intercepted, Season
10 in 1983 (507 att.)...11 in 1997 (484 att.)...
11 in 1982 (275 att.)...12 in 1995 (603 att.)...
12 in 1989 (578 att.)...12 in 1973 (320 att.)...
12 in 1969 (282 att.)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Season
70 in 1968 (527 yds.)...69 in 1985 (531 yds.)
67 in 1984 (496 yds.)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Game
11 at Cleveland, 11-18-84
11 at St. Louis, 11-23-68

Most Times Passer Thrown for Loss, Game, Both Teams
17 Atlanta (8) vs. Phil (9), 12-14-84
15 Atlanta (10) at N.O. (5), 10-12-97

Fewest Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Season
25 in 1982 (219 att.)...31 in 1991 (500 att.)
31 in 1971 (239 att.)...32 in 1975 (294 att.)

Fewest Sacks Per Play, Season
1 per 17.1 plays, 1997, '94
1 per 16.1 plays, 1991
1 per 15.2 plays, 1981

PUNTING

Highest Punting Average, Season
44.32 (1968)...43.69 (1967)...43.3 (1966)...43.25 (1993)

Most Punts, Season
110 (1978)...106 (1977)...101 (1976)

Most Punts, Game
12 vs. Washington, 12-10-78

PUNT RETURNS

Highest Punt Return Average, Season
12.5 (1974)...11.4 (1982)...10.7 (1989)...
10.6 (1983)

Most Punt Returns, Season
60 (1976)...53 (1980)...52 (1997)...51 (1974)...
51 (1977)

Most Punt Returns, Game
8 vs. Chicago, 10-13-74
8 at San Francisco, 10-23-76

Most Yards Gained, Season
635 (1974)...536 (1980)...489 (1983)...483 (1997)

Most Yards Gained, Game
137 vs. New Orleans, 10-25-70

Most TD Returns, Season
2 in 1970

Most TD Returns, Game
1 Six Times, Most Recent,
at St. Louis Rams, 10-12-95

KICKOFF RETURNS

Highest Kickoff Return Average, Season
25.03 (1971)...23.94 (1992)...23.64 (1993)...
23.49 (1997)...22.89 (1981)...21.89 (1978)

Most Kickoff Returns, Season
87 (1996)...82 (1966)...75 (1994)...73 (1979)...
72 (1985)...70 (1995)

Most Kickoff Returns, Game
10 vs. Pittsburgh, 12-18-66
9 at San Francisco, 12-4-94
9 at Washington, 11-10-91

Most Yards Gained, Season
1,825 (1996)...1,737 (1966)...1,700 (1987)...
1,627 (1994)...1,532 (1992)...1,509 (1989)...
1,506 (1995)...1,477 (1971)...1,477 (1967)

Most Yards Gained, Game
249 vs. Pittsburgh, 9-27-93
214 at Houston, 10-25-87
209 vs. Pittsburgh, 12-18-66
206 vs. New Orleans, 12-11-94
190 at New Orleans, 12-3-92

Most TD Returns, Season
2 (1997, '92)...1 in 1967, 69, 78, 85, 87, 90, 91, 93

TURNOVERS/TAKEAWAYS

Most Fumbles Had, Season
42 (1972)...42 (1978)...39 three times

Most Fumbles Lost, Season
24 (1974)...21 (1973, '76, '84)

Most Fumbles Had, Game
7 at L.A. Rams, 9-28-69

Most Fumbles Had, Game, Both Teams
11 at Det, 8-31-97 (Lions 6, Falcons 5)

Most Fumbles Lost, Game
5 at New Orleans, 10-15-72
5 at New Orleans, 10-10-76

Most Turnovers, Season

55 in 1974 (24 Fum., 31 int.)
49 in 1987 (17 Fum., 32 int.)
48 in 1975 (19 Fum., 29 int.)
45 in 1976 (21 Fum., 24 int.)

Most Takeaways, Season
48 (1977)...47 (1969)...46 (1981)

Most Interceptions, Season
26 (1977)...26 (1980)...25 (1975, '81, '94)...
24 (1988)

Biggest Turnover Differential, Season
+23 in 1977 (48 Take, 25 Turn)
+16 in 1980 (42 Take, 26 Turn)
+16 in 1969 (47 Take, 31 Turn)
+ 9 in 1995 (30 Take, 21 Turn)

Biggest Turnover Deficit, Season
-26 in 1974 (29 Take, 55 Turn)
-22 in 1987 (27 Take, 49 Turn)
-18 in 1996 (23 Take, 41 Turn)
-18 in 1993 (24 Take, 42 Turn)

QUARTERBACK SACKS MADE

Most Sacks, Season
55 (1997)...47 (1978)...46 (1980)...42 (1977, '85)

Most Sack Yardage, Season
425 (1978)...396 (1980)...391 (1977)...389
(1989)...344 (1997)

Most Sacks, Game
10 at N.O. (10-12-97)...9 vs. Carolina (9-3-95)
9 vs. N.Y. Giants (10-2-77)

OPPONENT FUMBLES/RECOVERIES

Most Fumbles, Season
45 (1978)...43 (1981)...37 (1969)

Most Recoveries, Season
28 (1969)...25 (1978)...22 (1977)...22 (1976)

Most Fumbles, Game
6 at Det, 8-31-97...5 Seven Times

PENALTIES

Most Penalties, Season
130 in 1978 (1,083 yds.)
125 in 1985 (1,149 yds.)
125 in 1984 (1,011 yds.)
125 in 1990 (1,004 yds.)

Most Penalties, Game
17 at San Francisco, 11-5-78
16 at Cleveland, 11-8-87
16 vs. Houston, 9-9-90

Fewest Penalties, Season
63 in 1969 (601 yds.)...63 in 1968 (659 yds.)...
65 in 1973 (593 yds)

Fewest Penalties, Game
1 - 11 Times — Most Recent at G.B., 12-18-94

Most Yards, Penalties, Game
153 vs. Green Bay, 12-26-72 (16 penalties)

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions, Season
26 (1980)...26 (1977)...25 (1981)...25 (1975)...
24 (1988)...22 (1994)...22 (1986)...22 (1985)...
22 (1973)...20 (1989)...20 (1971)

TIME OF POSSESSION

Largest Advantage, Game (regulation)
Atl (43:21) vs. Rams (16:39), 11-17-85
Atl (42:39) vs. S.F. (17:21), 12-19-82
Atl (41:22) at Dallas (18:38), 10-20-96
Atl (41:15) at N.O. (18:45), 11-22-85
Atl (40:49) vs. T.B. (19:11), 11-4-79

DEFENSIVE BESTS

POINTS

Fewest Points Allowed, Season
129 in 1977

Fewest Points Allowed, Game
0 - 10 Times—Most Recent
at L.A. Rams, Nov. 14, 1993

Fewest TD's Allowed, Season
15 in 1977

FIRST DOWNS

Fewest First Downs, Season
170 (1982)...192 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Game
7 vs. G.B., 11-22-71...7 vs. Green Bay, 11-22-74

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Season
66 in 1982

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Game
1 at S.D., 12-7-97...1 at Houston, 12-5-93...
1 vs. L.A. Rams, 9-18-77...1 vs. Dallas, 12-30-90

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Season
76 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Game
0 at L.A. Rams, 9-23-73

YARDS

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Season
2,848 (1982)...3,242 (1977)

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Game
78 vs. Tampa Bay (62-R, 16-P), 11-27-77

Fewest Yds Rushing Per Att, Season
3.3 in 1990

Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Season
1,044 (1982)...1,357 (1990)...1,547 (1995)...
1,630 (1980)

Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Game
29 vs. Houston (12 att), 9-9-90
32 vs. TB (16 att), 10-9-94
33 vs. Seattle (12 att), 12-15-91
34 vs. Dallas (16 att), 11-17-96
38 at Washington (19 att), 12-19-93
39 vs. Phoenix (17 att), 11-15-92
45 at Carolina (24 att), 12-17-95

Fewest Rushing, Attempts, Game
11 at Detroit, 9-19-83 (34 yards)
11 at Tampa Bay, 12-2-90 (40 yards)
11 vs. Buffalo, 12-18-83 (45 yards)

Fewest TD's Allowed, Rushing, Season
5 in 1977

PASSING

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Season
1,384 in 1977

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Game
9 vs. St. Louis, 12-9-73
15 vs. New England, 11-29-92

Fewest Passing Attempts, Game
8 vs. Green Bay (3 Comp.), 11-22-71

Fewest Passes Completed, Game
2 vs. St. Louis (10 Att.), 12-9-73

Fewest TDs Allowed, Passing, Season
9 in 1971...9 in 1977

CLUB RECORDS - THE FEWEST

POINTS

Fewest Points Scored, Season
111 (1974)...170 (1968)...172 (1976)

Fewest Points Scored, Game
0 - 18 Times — Most Recent 10-3-93 at Chi.

Fewest Points Scored, Game, Both Teams
3 Atlanta (0) at Buffalo (3), 10-16-77
6 Atlanta (0) at Chicago (6), 10-3-93
7 Atlanta (7) vs. SF (0), 10-9-77

Fewest Touchdowns, Season
12 (1974)...20 (1968)...20 (1976)...20 in 1977

Fewest PAT's, Season
12 (1974)...17 (1968)...19 (1976)

Fewest FG's, Season
4 (1974)...7 (1967)...9 (1966, '70, '74)

Fewest First Downs, Season
178 (1968, '74)

Fewest First Downs, Game
2 at L.A. Rams, 9-23-73

Fewest First Downs, Game, Both Teams
14 Atlanta (5) vs. Minn (9), 12-21-69

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Season
63 (1994)...65 (1992)

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Game
0 Five Times, Last at SF, 9-10-95

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Season
80 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Game
0 at Chicago, 11-24-85

Fewest First Downs, Penalty, Season
9 in 1968

TOTAL YARDS

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Season
2,800 in 1974

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Game
44 at S.F., 10-23-76 (83 run, - 39 pass)

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Both Teams
252 Atlanta (155) at SF (97), 11-6-77

RUSHING

Fewest Yards Gained, Season
1,155 (1989)...1,179 (1982)...1,249 (1994)...
1,270 (1992)...1,303 (1967)

Fewest Yards Gained, Game
19 vs. L.A. Rams, 12-1-74
21 at Detroit, 9-5-93
25 at San Francisco, 9-10-95

Fewest Yds Gained, Both Teams, Game
79 Atlanta (29) vs. S.F. (50), 10-14-90 (H)

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Season
309 (1982)...318 (1989)...322 (1992)...329
(1986)...330 (1994)...337 (1995)...333
(1987)...344 (1967)

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Game
8 at Detroit, 9-5-93... 9 at Chicago, 9-27-92
10 vs. Dallas, 12-21-92...11 at S.F., 9-10-95
12 at S.F., 12-4-94...12 at Wash, 9-13-92

Fewest Rushing Att. Both Teams, Game
34 Atlanta (15) vs. S.F. (19), 12-24-95
35 Atlanta (12) at Houston (23), 12-5-93

PASSING

Fewest Net Yards, Season
1,307 in 1974

Fewest Net Yards, Game
(-39) at San Francisco, 10-23-76

Fewest Net Yards Both Teams, Game
37 Atlanta (-39) at SF (76), 10-23-76

Fewest Passes Attempted, Season
275 in 1982 (176 Comp.)
282 in 1969 (149 Comp.)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Game
9 at Chicago, 9-17-72...9 vs. L.A. Rams, 10-1-72
9 at L.A. Rams, 9-23-73

Fewest Passes Att. Both Teams, Game
21 Atlanta (9) at Chicago (12), 9-17-83

Fewest Passes Intercepted, Season
10 in 1983 (507 att.)

Fewest Passes Completed, Season
140 in 1977 (297 att.)

Fewest Passes Completed, Game
2 vs. L.A. Rams, 10-1-72...2 at L.A. Rams, 9-23-73

Fewest Passes Comp., Both Teams, Game
10 Atlanta (6) vs. Minn. (4), 12-21-69
10 Atlanta (6) vs. Chicago (4), 9-17-72
10 Atlanta (8) vs. St. Louis (2), 12-9-73

Fewest Touchdown Passes, Season
4 in 1974

Fewest Sacks Allowed, Season
25 (1982)...31 (1971)...31 in 1991

INTERCEPTIONS

Fewest INT's, Season
6 - 1996 (NFL Record)
10 - 1982 (Strike season)
11 - 1992
12 - 1984, '78
13 - 1993
14 - 1968
15 - 1987, '83, '79

PUNTING

Fewest Punts, Season
43 (1982)...60 (1971)

Fewest Punts, Game
1 Three times, Last Time vs. Pittsburgh
Nov. 4, 1990 (A)

PENALTIES

Fewest Penalties, Season
63 in 1968 (659 yards)...63 in 1969 (601 yards)

Fewest Penalties, Game
1 - 10 Times — Most recent
Oct. 14, 1993 vs. L.A. Rams (H)

Fewest Yards Penalties, Season
593 in 1973 (65 penalties)

FUMBLES

Fewest Fumbles, Season
14 (1982)...19 (1991)...20 (1967)...21 (1995)

Fewest Fumbles Lost, Season
9 (1995)...9 (1980)...9 (1977)

OPPONENTS TEAM RECORDS

Most Points Scored
59, Rams (at St. Louis), 11-10-96
59, Rams (at L.A.),12-4-76
Points By Quarters
1st: 28, Bills, 11-22-92
2nd: 28, Redskins, 11-3-85
28, Cardinals, 12-17-78
28, Vikings, 9-14-68
3rd: 21, Raiders, 9-14-97
21, Redskins, 12-17-89
21, Vikings, 9-16-84
21, Dolphins, 11-3-74
21, Packers, 10-6-68
21, Steelers, 12-18-66
4th: 24, Rams, 11-19-67
Most Yards Gained
595, Colts, 11-12-67 (426 Pass), (169 Rush)
590, 49ers, 10-18-92 (399 Pass) (191 Rush)
569, Rams, 12-4-76 (359 Pass), (210 Rush)
Most Yards Rushing
321, Browns, 10-17-76 (57 Att.)
315, Bills, 11-22-92 (44 Att.)
307, Redskins, 11-3-85 (37 Att.)
279, Rams, 11-10-96 (38 Att.)
Most Rushing Att
65, Vikings, (211 yds.), 11-9-75
Most TDs Rushing
7, Rams, 12-4-76...4, Rams, 11-10-96...
4, Redskins, 11-3-85
Most Net Yds Passing
451, Redskins, 11-10-91...442, 49ers, 10-14-90
Most Pass Attempts
57, 49ers, 10-6-85
Most Pass Comp
37, 49ers, 10-6-85
Most TD Passes
6, Redskins, 11-10-91...6, 49ers, 10-14-90
6, Browns, 10-30-66
Most Had Intercepted
6, Rams, 11-10-96...6, Oilers, 12-5-93
6, Saints, 9-16-73
Most Punts
11, Giants, 10-25-81...10, Panthers, 9-3-95
Most Punt Returns
9, 49ers, 10-29-72
Most Fair Catches
6, Vikings, 11-28-71
Most Yards, Punt Ret
219, Rams, 10-11-81
Most TD's Punt Ret
2, Rams, 12-27-92
Most KO Returns
9, Lions, 10-5-80
Most KO Return Yds
242, Chargers, 10-21-73
Most Fumbles
6, 49ers, 12-11-93
Most Fumbles Lost
5, Saints, 10-15-72 and 10-10-76
Most Penalties
15, Bills, 12-18-83...14, Chiefs, 9-18-94
Most Penalty Yards
137, Cardinals (9 penalties) 11-28-82
135, Raiders, (11 penalties) 11-19-70
135, Rams, (penalties) 11-19-67
133, Browns, (13 penalties) 9-17-78
128, Raiders, (10 penalties) 10-14-79
Most Combined Penalty Yds
253, Atl, (9-125); Raiders, (10-128) 10-14-79

OPPONENTS INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Most Points Scored
30 (5 TDs), Jerry Rice, 49ers, 10-14-90
24 (4 TDs), Dan Reeves, Cowboys, 11-5-67
24 (4 TDs), Roy Jefferson, Steelers, 11-3-68
Most TD's Scored
5, Jerry Rice, 49ers, 10-14-90
4, Dan Reeves, Cowboys, 11-5-67
4, Roy Jefferson, Steelers, 11-3-68
Most PAT Attempts
8, Chip Lohmiller, Rams, 11-10-96
8, Don Chandler, Packers, 10-23-66
Most PAT's Made
8, Chip Lohmiller, Rams, 11-10-96
8, Don Chandler, Packers, 10-23-66
Most FG Attempts
7, Jim Bakken, Cardinals, 12-9-73
Most FG's Made
6, Jeff Wilkins, 49ers, 9-29-96
6, Jim Bakken, Cardinals, 12-9-73
Longest FG
56 Yds Mike Cofer, 49ers, 10-14-90
54 Yds Jan Stenerud, Vikings, 9-16-84
Most Yds Rushing
191, Greg Pruitt, Browns, (26 Att.), 10-17-76
181, Kenneth Davis, Bills, (20 Att.), 11-21-92
167, Emmitt Smith, Cowboys (26 att), 10-29-95
Most Carries
33, Lydell Mitchell, Colts, (151 yds), 11-17-74
32, Emmitt Smith, Dallas, (160 yds), 12-22-91
Highest Average

Jerry Rice

10.4, Delvin Williams, 49ers, (10-104), 12-14-75
10.2, Keith Griffin, Redskins, 16-164), 11-3-85
Most TD's Rushing
3, Barry Foster, Steelers, 9-27-93
3, Mark Van Eeghen, Raiders, 10-14-79
3, Lawrence McCutcheon, Rams, 12-4-76
3, Chuck Foreman, Vikings, 11-9-75
3, Don Nottingham, Dolphins, 11-3-74
Longest Run
91t, Herschel Walker, Eagles, 11-27-94
78t, Bruce Harper, Jets, 10-23-83
Most Yds Passing
501, Johnny Unitas, Colts, 9-17-67
476, Joe Montana, 49ers, 10-14-90
442, Mark Rypien, Redskins, 11-10-91
429, Joe Montana, 49ers, 10-6-85
413, Dave Krieg, Cardinals, 11-26-95
401, Johnny Unitas, Colts, 9-17-67
Most Passing Att
57, Joe Montana, 49ers, 10-6-85
51, Steve DeBerg, 49ers, 9-27-80
Most Comp
37, Joe Montana, 49ers, 10-6-85
35, Dan Marino, Dolphins, 12-3-95
32, Steve DeBerg, 49ers, 9-27-80
Most Cons. Comp
17, Ken O'Brien, Jets, 11-9-86
Best Comp Pct.
93.8 (15-of-16), Steve Young, 10-16-94
85.0 (17-of-20), Johnny Unitas, Colts, 11-12-67

OPPONENTS INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Longest TD Pass
99 yds, Ron Jaworski, Eagles, 11-10-85
97 yds, Steve Young, 49ers, 11-3-91
93 yds, Steve DeBerg, 49ers, 9-27-80
89 yds, Kerry Collins, Panthers, 12-17-95

Most TD Passes
6, Mark Rypien, Redskins, 11-10-91
6, Joe Montana, 49ers, 10-14-90
5, Joe Montana, 49ers, 10-16-85
5, Terry Bradshaw, Steelers, 11-15-81

Joe Montana

Most Had Intercepted
5, by Archie Manning, Saints, 9-16-73
5, by Jim Hart, Cardinals, 11-9-80

Most Yds. Receiving
233, by Isaac Bruce, Rams, 11-2-97
226, by Eddie Kennison, Rams, 12-15-96
225, by Jerry Rice, 49ers, 10-14-90
205, by Wes Chandler, Saints, 9-2-79
203, by Gary Clark, Redskins, 11-10-91
191, by Isaac Bruce, at Rams, 10-12-95

Most Receptions
13, by Jerry Rice, 49ers, 10-14-90
12, by Jerry Rice, 49ers, 12-24-95
12, by Roger Craig, 49ers, 10-6-85
11, by Carl Pickens, Bengals, 11-24-96

Most TD Receptions
5, Jerry Rice, 49ers,10-14-90
4, Roy Jefferson, Steelers, 11-3-68

Longest Reception
99t, Mike Quick, Eagles, 11-10-85
97t, John Taylor, 49ers, 11-3-91
93t, Freddie Solomon, 49ers, 9-27-80
89t, Willie Green, Panthers, 9-3-95
88t, Tom Matte, Colts, 9-17-67

Most Interceptions
3, Albert Lewis, Chiefs, 9-1-91

Albert Lewis

3, Albert Lewis, Chiefs, 12-8-85
3, Paul Martha, Broncos, 10-18-70

Longest INT Return
93t, by Deion Sanders, 49ers, 10-16-94

Longest KOR
102t, Alexander Wright, Cowboys, 12-22-91

Most KOR's
7, Vernon Turner, Buccaneers, 10-9-94
7, Walter Stanley, Patriots, 11-29-92
7, Dexter Carter, 49ers, 10-13-91
7, Stump Mitchell, Cardinals, 10-18-81
7, John Arnold, Lions, 10-5-80

Most KOR Yards
199, Tyrone Hughes, Saints, 9-17-95
198, Herschel Walker, Cowboys, 10-20-96
193, Alexander Wright, Cowboys, 12-22-91

Most KOR TD's
1, 7 times, most recently, Alexander Wright, Cowboys, 102 yards, 12-22-91

Most Punt Returns
9, Ralph McGill, 49ers, 10-29-72

Most Punt Return Yards
207, LeRoy Irvin, Rams, 10-11-81

Most TD's by Punt Return
2, LeRoy Irvin, Rams, 10-11-81
2, Todd Kinchen, Rams, 12-27-92
1, 6 times, most recently, Kinchen, Rams

LeRoy Irvin

Most Punts
11, Dave Jennings, Giants, 10-25-81

Highest Punting Avg.
53.0, Dave Jennings, Giants, 10-25-81 (4 Min.)

Highest Return Avg.
31.0 (6 ret), LeRoy Irvin, Rams, 10-11-81 (3 Min)

Longest Fumble Return
97t, Chuck Howley, Cowboys, 9-18-66

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points Career

558	Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
395	Norm Johnson, 1991-94
338	Andre Rison, 1990-94
323	Morten Andersen, 1995-97
288	Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
270	Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
246	William Andrews, 1979-86
240	Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
236	Greg Davis, 1987-90
230	Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80
210	Terance Mathis 1994-97
204	Michael Haynes, 1988-93, '97
186	Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
168	Wallace Francis, 1975-81
156	Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
150	Lynn Cain, 1979-84
147	Bill Bell, 1971-72
144	Bert Emanuel, 1994-97
144	Art Malone, 1970-74
132	Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
128	Bob Etter, 1968-69
126	Ken Burrow, 1971-75

Most Points, Season

122	Morten Andersen, 1995
114	Mick Luckhurst, 1981
112	Norm Johnson, 1993
112	Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
106	Greg Davis, 1990
104	Morten Andersen, 1997
102	Tim Mazzetti, 1980
101	Mick Luckhurst, 1985
97	Morten Andersen, 1996
95	Norm Johnson, 1991, 1994
94	Mick Luckhurst, 1983
93	Norm Johnson, 1992
91	Mick Luckhurst, 1984
90	Andre Rison, 1993
82	Greg Davis, 1988
79	Bill Bell, 1972
78	Gerald Riggs, 1984
78	Alfred Jenkins, 1981
78	Bob Etter, 1969

Most Points, Game

20	Norm Johnson at New Orleans, 11-13-94
18	Terance Mathis vs. St. Louis Rams, 11-19-95
18	Andre Rison at San Francisco, 9-19-93
18	Andre Rison at Chicago, 9-27-92
18	Andre Rison vs. Tampa Bay, 11-17-91
18	Gerald Riggs vs. L.A. Rams, 11-17-85
18	Lynn Cain at L.A. Rams, 10-7-84
18	William Andrews at Buffalo, 12-18-83
18	William Andrews at Green Bay, 11-27-83
18	William Andrews at Denver, 12-5-82
18	Alfred Jenkins at New Orleans, 11-1-81
18	Lynn Cain at Oakland, 10-14-79
17	Greg Davis vs. Houston, 9-9-90

16 Morten Andersen at Dallas, 10-20-96 (5 FG's)
16 Morten Andersen vs. N.E., 10-1-95 (5 FG's)
15 Terance Mathis vs. Philadelphia, 11-27-94
15 Tim Mazzetti vs. L.A. Rams, 10-30-78
15 Nick Mike-Mayer vs. L.A. Rams, 11-4-73
15 Norm Johnson at San Francisco, 10-13-91

Most Consecutive Games Scoring
68 Mick Luckhurst (1981-WK 12, 1985)
48 Morten Andersen (1995-WK 1 to present)

Most Touchdowns, Career
56 Andre Rison, 1990-94
48 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
41 William Andrews, 1979-86
40 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
34 Michael Haynes, 1988-93, '97
33 Terance Mathis, 1994-97
31 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
28 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
26 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
25 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
24 Bert Emanuel, 1994-97
24 Art Malone, 1970-74
22 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
21 Ken Burrow, 1971-75
19 Craig Heyward, 1994-96
17 Jamal Anderson, 1994-97

Andre Rison

Most Touchdowns, Season
15 Andre Rison, 1993
13 Gerald Riggs, 1984
13 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
12 Andre Rison, 1991
12 William Andrews, 1981
11 Terance Mathis, 1994
11 Andre Rison, 1992
11 William Andrews, 1983
11 Michael Haynes, 1991
10 Jamal Anderson, 1997
10 Eric Metcalf, 1995
10 Michael Haynes, 1992
10 Gerald Riggs, 1985
10 Andre Rison, 1990
9 Bert Emanuel, 1997
9 Eddie Ray, 1973
9 Terance Mathis, 1995
9 Gerald Riggs, 1986

Terance Mathis

Most Touchdowns, Game
3 - 11 times (most recently by Terance Mathis vs. St. Louis Rams, 11-19-95)

Most Consecutive Games, TD Scored
5 Eric Metcalf, 1995
4 Bert Emanuel, 1997
4 Andre Rison, 1993
4 Andre Rison, 1991
4 Gerald Riggs, 1986
4 Jim Mitchell, 1975
4 Dave Hampton, 1975

Most Two-Point Conversions, Career
6 Terance Mathis, 1994-97

Most Two-Point Conversions, Season
3 Terance Mathis, 1995
2 Terance Mathis, 1994
1 Terance Mathis, 1996
1 Andre Rison, 1994

KICKING

Most PAT's Made, Career
213 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
147 Norm Johnson, 1991-94
105 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
95 Morten Andersen, 1995-97
94 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most PAT's Attempted, Career
216 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
148 Norm Johnson, 1991-94
108 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
104 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80
96 Morten Andersen, 1995-97

Most PAT's Made, Season
51 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
45 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
43 Mick Luckhurst, 1983

Most PAT's Attempted, Season
51 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
49 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
45 Mick Luckhurst, 1983

Most PAT's Made, Game
8 Nick Mike-Mayer at N.O., 9-16-73

Most PAT's Attempted, Game
8 Nick Mike-Mayer at N.O., 9-16-73

Most Consecutive PAT's Made
139 Norm Johnson, 1991-94
134 Mick Luckhurst, 1983-87

Most FG's Made, Career
115 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
84 Norm Johnson, 1991-94
76 Morten Andersen 1995-97
56 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
51 Greg Davis, 1987-90
45 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Mick Luckhurst

Most FG's Made, Season
31 Morten Andersen, 1995
26 Norm Johnson, 1993
26 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
24 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
23 Morten Andersen, 1997
22 Morten Andersen, 1996
22 Greg Davis, 1990
21 Norm Johnson, 1994
21 Mick Luckhurst, 1981

Most FG's Made, Game
6 Norm Johnson at New Orleans, 11-13-94
5 Morten Andersen at Dallas, 10-20-96
5 Morten Andersen vs. N.E., 10-1-95
5 Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Rams, 11-4-73
5 Tim Mazzetti at Rams, 10-30-78

Most FG's Attempted, Career
164 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
104 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
97 Norm Johnson, 1991-94
93 Morten Andersen, 1995-97
78 Greg Davis, 1987-90
68 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most FG's Attempted, Season
38 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
37 Morten Andersen, 1995
33 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
33 Greg Davis, 1990
31 Mick Luckhurst, 1985

Most FG's Attempted, Game
6 Norm Johnson at New Orleans, 11-13-94
5 Morten Andersen at Dallas, 10-20-96
vs. N.E., 10-1-95

5 Mick Luckhurst at New Orleans, 12-22-85
vs. Philadelphia, 12-16-84
5 Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Rams, 11-4-73
at Chicago, 9-26-76
at Chicago, 10-23-77
5 Tim Mazzetti at Rams, 10-30-78
at Cardinals, 11-9-80
5 Greg Davis at Steelers, 11-4-90

Most Consecutive FG's Made

26 Norm Johnson, 1992 (5), 1993 (1st 21)
18 Morten Andersen, 1995 (Wks 1-9)
17 Mick Luckhurst, 1984 (3), 1985 (1st 14)
15 Norm Johnson, 1991 (Wks. 5-16)
14 Norm Johnson, 1994 (Wks. 8-16)
12 Morten Andersen, 1996 (Wks. 3-10)
10 Morten Andersen, 1997 (Wks. 5-12)
10 Morten Andersen, 1995 (Wks 12-17)

Best FG Percentage, Career (Min. 35)

.866 Norm Johnson (84-of-97), 1991-94
.817 Morten Andersen (76-of-93), 1995-97
.701 Mick Luckhurst (115-of-164), 1981-87
.662 Tim Mazzetti (45-of-68), 1978-80
.654 Greg Davis (51-of-78), 1987-90
.538 Nick Mike-Mayer (56-of-104), 1973-77

Best FG Percentage, Season

.963 Norm Johnson (26-of-27), 1993
.851 Morten Andersen (23-of-27), 1997
.840 Norm Johnson (21-of-25), 1994
.838 Morten Andersen (31-of-37), 1995
.826 Norm Johnson (19-of-23), 1991
.818 Norm Johnson (18-of-22), 1992
.774 Mick Luckhurst (24-of-31), 1985
.772 Mick Luckhurst (17-of-22), 1983
.759 Morten Andersen (22-of-29), 1996
.750 Paul McFadden (15-of-20), 1989
.740 Mick Luckhurst (20-of-27), 1984
.714 Mick Luckhurst (10-of-14), 1982
.703 Tim Mazzetti (19-of-27), 1980

Most 50-yard FG's, Career

11 Morten Andersen, 1995-97
8 Norm Johnson, 1991-94
7 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87

Most 50-yard FG's, Season

8 Morten Andersen, 1995
4 Norm Johnson, 1992
3 Mick Luckhurst, 1984

Morten Andersen

Most 50-yard FG's, Game

3 Morten Andersen vs. N.O., 12-10-95 *(NFL Record)*

Longest Field Goal, Career

59 yds - Morten Andersen vs. S.F., 12-24-95
55 yds - Morten Andersen at N.O., 10-12-97
55 yds - Morten Andersen vs. N.O., 12-10-95
(Andersen hit two 55-yarders in that game)
54 yds - 5 times, last by Andersen at Dal 10-20-96

RUSHING

Most Yards Gained, Career

6,631 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
5,986 William Andrews, 1979-86
3,490 Dave Hampton, 1972-76
2,662 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
2,313 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
2,250 Jim Butler, 1968-71
2,217 Jamal Anderson, 1994-97
2,183 Craig Heyward, 1994-95
2,118 Art Malone, 1970-74
1,981 Eric Pegram, 1991-94
1,801 John Settle, 1987-90
1,612 Junior Coffey, 1966-67, 1969
1,528 Bubba Bean, 1976-80
1,472 Steve Broussard, 1990-93
1,321 Harmon Wages, 1968-73

Most Yards Gained, Season

1,719 Gerald Riggs, 1985
1,567 William Andrews, 1983
1,486 Gerald Riggs, 1984
1,327 Gerald Riggs, 1986
1,308 William Andrews, 1980
1,301 William Andrews, 1981
1,185 Eric Pegram, 1993
1,083 Craig Heyward, 1995
1,055 Jamal Anderson, 1996
1,024 John Settle, 1988
1,023 William Andrews, 1979
1,002 Jamal Anderson, 1997
1,002 Dave Hampton, 1975
997 Dave Hampton, 1973
995 Dave Hampton, 1972

Most 1,000-yard Seasons

4 William Andrews
3 Gerald Riggs
2 Jamal Anderson

Most Consecutive 1,000-yard Seasons

3 William Andrews (1979-81
3 Gerald Riggs (1984-86)
2 Jamal Anderson (1996-97)

Most Yards Gained, Game

202 Gerald Riggs at NO (35 att), 9-2-84
197 Gerald Riggs at Kansas City (26 att), 12-8-85
192 Eric Pegram at SF (27 att), 9-19-93
180 Eric Pegram at Cincinnati (37 att), 12-16-93
172 Gerald Riggs at Miami (33 att), 11-30-86
167 William Andrews at NO (30 att), 9-2-79
162 Jamal Anderson vs. Rams (20 att), 11-2-97
162 Steve Broussard at Wash (26 att), 12-19-93
161 William Andrews at Miami (21 att), 12-10-83

Most Rushing Attempts, Career

1,587 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
1,315 William Andrews, 1979-86
885 Dave Hampton, 1972-76
728 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
609 Jim Butler, 1968-71
603 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
563 Jamal Anderson, 1994-97
532 Art Malone, 1970-74
517 Eric Pegram, 1991-94
491 Craig Heyward, 1994-96
430 John Settle, 1987-90
428 Junior Coffey, 1966-67, 1969
405 Bubba Bean, 1976-80

Most Rushing Attempts, Season

397 Gerald Riggs, 1985
353 Gerald Riggs, 1984
343 Gerald Riggs, 1986
331 William Andrews, 1983
292 Eric Pegram, 1993
290 Jamal Anderson, 1997
289 William Andrews, 1981
265 William Andrews, 1980

263 Dave Hampton, 1973
250 Dave Hampton, 1975
247 Haskel Stanback, 1977
239 William Andrews, 1979
236 Craig Heyward, 1995
232 Jamal Anderson, 1996

Most Rushing Attempts, Game
41 Gerald Riggs vs. Rams (123 yds), 11-17-85
39 Gerald Riggs at NO (158 yds), 12-22-85
37 Erric Pegram at Bengals (180 yds), 12-26-93
35 Gerald Riggs at NO (202 yds), 9-2-84
35 Gerald Riggs vs. Rams (141 yds), 10-12-86
35 Lynn Cain at Rams (145 yds), 10-7-84

Most 100-Yard Games, Career
25 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
22 William Andrews, 1979-86

Most 100-Yard Games, Season
9 Gerald Riggs, 1985
7 William Andrews, 1983
7 William Andrews, 1980
6 Gerald Riggs, 1986
5 Gerald Riggs, 1984

Gerald Riggs

Most TD's Rushing, Career
48 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
30 William Andrews, 1979-86
25 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79

Most TD's Rushing, Season
13 Gerald Riggs, 1984
10 William Andrews, 1981
10 Gerald Riggs, 1985
9 Gerald Riggs, 1986
7 Jamal Anderson, 1997
7 Craig Heyward, 1994
7 William Andrews, 1983
7 John Settle, 1988

Most TD's Rushing, Game
3 Jamal Anderson at Detroit, 10-6-96
3 Gerald Riggs vs. Rams, 11-17-85
3 Lynn Cain at Rams, 10-7-84

Most Consecutive Games, Rushing TD
4 Gerald Riggs, 1986
4 Dave Hampton, 1975

Highest Average Gain, Career (300 carries)
4.55 William Andrews, 1979-86
4.45 Craig Heyward, 1994-96
4.23 Steve Broussard, 1990-93
4.17 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
4.15 John Settle, 1987-1990
3.98 Art Malone, 1970-74
3.97 Harmon Wages, 1968-73
3.94 Dave Hampton , 1972-76
3.93 Jamal Anderson, 1994-97

Highest Average Gain, Season (150 carries)
4.94 William Andrews, 1980
4.73 William Andrews, 1983
4.59 Craig Heyward, 1995
4.55 Jamal Anderson, 1996
4.50 William Andrews, 1981
4.413John Settle, 1988
4.411Mike Rozier, 1990
4.33 Gerald Riggs, 1985
4.32 Dave Hampton, 1972
4.31 Gerald Riggs, 1987
4.26 Craig Heyward, 1994

William Andrews

Highest Average Gain, Game (10 carries)
10.40 Steve Broussard at SF (10-104), 10-13-91
10.20 John Settle vs. NO (10-102), 9-11-88
9.10 Art Malone at SF (10-91), 12-10-72
8.10 Jamal Anderson vs. St.L (20-162), 11-2-97
7.71 Jamal Anderson at Carolina (14-108), 9-1-96
7.67 William Andrews at Miami (21-161), 12-10-83
7.58 Gerald Riggs at KC (26-197), 12-8-85
7.47 Jim Butler vs. SF (17-127), 10-4-70
7.20 Craig Heyward vs. NO (10-72), 12-11-94
7.11 Erric Pegram at SF (27-192), 9-19-93

PASSING

Most Yards Gained Passing, Career
23,468 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
14,066 Chris Miller, 1987-93
8,575 Jeff George, 1994-96
8,489 Bob Berry, 1968-72
7,053 Bobby Hebert, 1993-96
5,538 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
4,275 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most Gross Yards Passing, Season
4,143 Jeff George, 1995
3,830 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
3,734 Jeff George, 1994
3,544 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
3,459 Chris Miller, 1989
3,167 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
3,152 Bobby Hebert, 1996
3,103 Chris Miller, 1991
2,978 Bobby Hebert, 1993
2,735 Chris Miller, 1990
2,692 Chris Chandler, 1997
2,502 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
2,489 Steve Bartkowski, 1978
2,158 Bob Berry, 1972
2,158 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
2,133 Chris Miller, 1988
2,007 Dave Archer, 1986
2,005 Bob Berry, 1971

Most 300-Yard Games, Career
12 Steve Bartkowski, 75-85
8 Chris Miller, 1987-93
6 Jeff George, 1994-96
4 Bobby Hebert, 1993-96

Most 300-Yard Games, Season
4 Jeff George, 1995
3 Chris Miller, 1989
3 Steve Bartkowski, 1981 and 1983
3 Wade Wilson, 1992

Most Gross Yards Passing, Game
416 Steve Bartkowski vs. Pitt (33-50), 11-15-81
386 Jeff George at N.O. (27-39), 9-17-95
378 Steve Bartkowski at Cards (31-47), 11-9-80
375 Steve Bartkowski vs. Raid (36-54), 9-19-82
374 Wade Wilson at Rams (31-47), 12-27-92
364 Jeff George vs Philly (26-46), 11-27-94
363 Bobby Hebert vs. Rams (28-49), 12-15-96

Most Passes Attempted, Career
3,329 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
2,089 Chris Miller, 1987-93
1,180 Jeff George, 1994-96
1,066 Bobby Hebert, 1993-96
1,049 Bob Berry, 1968-72
904 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
647 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most Passes Attempted, Season
557 Jeff George, 1995

533 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
526 Chris Miller, 1989
524 Jeff George, 1994
488 Bobby Hebert, 1996
463 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
432 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
430 Bobby Hebert, 1993
413 Chris Miller, 1991
388 Chris Miller, 1990
379 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
369 Steve Bartkowski, 1978

Most Passes Attempted, Game

66 Chris Miller vs. Detroit (37 comp), 12-24-89
56 Steve Bartkowski vs. Raid (34 comp), 9-19-82
53 Jeff George at Carolina (29 comp), 12-17-95
52 Bobby Hebert at Houston (30 comp), 12-5-93
50 Steve Bartkowski vs. Pitt (33 comp), 11-15-81
49 Bobby Hebert vs. Rams (28 comp), 12-15-96
49 Jeff George at NO (29 comp), 11-13-94
49 Chris Miller at Chicago (28 comp), 11-11-90
48 Steve Bartkowski vs. NYG (24 comp), 10-25-81
48 Chris Miller at Chicago (30 comp), 9-27-92
47 Bobby Hebert vs. TB (25 comp), 10-31-93
47 Wade Wilson at Rams (31 comp), 12-29-92
47 Steve Bartkowski at Cards (31 comp), 11-9-80
46 Bobby Hebert vs. Hou (31 comp), 10-13-96
46 Jeff George vs. Philly (26 comp), 11-27-94
46 Erik Kramer vs. Rams (27 comp), 10-18-87
45 Jeff George vs. Carolina (27 comp), 9-3-95
45 Jeff George vs. KC (29 comp), 9-19-94

Most Passes Completed, Career

1,870 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
1,129 Chris Miller, 1987-93
714 Jeff George, 1994-96
637 Bobby Hebert, 1993-96
598 Bob Berry, 1968-72
435 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
331 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Chris Miller

Most Passes Completed, Season

336 Jeff George, 1995
322 Jeff George, 1994
297 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
294 Bobby Hebert, 1996
280 Chris Miller, 1989
274 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
263 Bobby Hebert, 1993
257 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
222 Chris Miller, 1990
220 Chris Miller, 1991
203 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
202 Chris Chandler, 1997
187 Steve Bartkowski, 1978
184 Chris Miller, 1988

Most Passes Completed, Game

37 Chris Miller vs. Detroit, 12-24-89
36 Steve Bartkowski vs. Raid (56 att), 9-19-82
33 Steve Bartkowski vs. Pitt (50 att), 11-15-81
31 Bobby Hebert vs. Hou (46 att), 10-13-96
31 Jeff George vs. Detroit (40 att), 10-29-95
31 Wade Wilson at Rams (47 att), 12-29-92
31 Steve Bartkowski at Cards (47 att), 11-9-80
30 Bobby Hebert at Houston (52 att), 12-5-93
30 Chris Miller at Chicago (48 att), 9-27-92
30 Wade Wilson vs. Dallas (41 att), 12-21-92
29 Jeff George at Carolina (53 att), 12-17-95
29 Jeff George at NO (49 att), 11-13-94
29 Jeff George vs. KC (45 att), 9-18-94
29 Jeff George vs. Rams (38 att), 9-11-94
29 Jeff George at Detroit (37 att), 9-4-94
28 Bobby Hebert vs. St. Louis (49 att), 12-15-96
28 Bob Berry at Green Bay (44 att), 9-27-70
28 Steve Bartkowski vs. SF (39 att), 11-20-83)
28 Chris Miller at Chicago (49 att), 11-11-90

Most Consecutive Passes, Completed

13 Jeff George vs. Detroit, 11-5-95
13 Jeff George vs. New Orleans, 12-11-94
12 Jeff George at Detroit, 9-4-94
11 Jeff George vs. Philadelphia, 9-22-96
11 Jeff George vs. Detroit, 11-5-95
10 Bobby Hebert vs. N.O., 11-17-96
10 Chris Miller vs. Dallas, 9-17-89
10 Steve Bartkowski vs. Rams, 10-7-84
10 Steve Bartkowski vs. Houston, 11-29-81
10 Randy Johnson vs. Detroit (6) and Chicago (4) 11-9-69 through 11-16-69

Highest Completion Percentage, Career

60.5 Jeff George, 1994-96
59.8 Bobby Hebert, 1993-96
59.1 Chris Chandler, 1997
57.0 Bob Berry, 1968-72
56.2 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
54.0 Chris Miller, 1987-93
51.2 Dave Archer, 1984-87
49.3 Bob Lee, 1973-74

Highest Completion Percentage, Season

.681 Wade Wilson, 1992
.673 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
.634 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
.633 Steve Bartkowski, 1982
.617 Turk Schonert, 1986
.615 Jeff George, 1994
.612 Bobby Hebert, 1993
.603 Jeff George, 1995
.602 Bobby Hebert, 1996
.602 Bob Berry, 1971
.601 Chris Miller, 1992
.591 Chris Chandler, 1997

Highest Completion Percentage, Game (20 Att)

.857 Steve Bartkowski vs. Det. (24-28), 9-9-84
.826 Steve Bartkowski at S.F. (19-23), 9-25-83
.826 Steve Bartkowski at Pitt (19-23), 10-28-84
.792 Steve Bartkowski vs. Raid (19-24), 9-19-82
.784 Jeff George at Detroit (29-37), 9-4-94
.775 Jeff George vs. Detroit (31-40), 11-5-95
.763 Jeff George vs. Rams (29-38), 9-11-94
.762 Bob Berry vs. S.F. (16-21), 9-19-71
.762 Bob Berry vs. GB (16-21), 11-27-71
.739 Jeff George at Miami (17-23), 12-3-95

Best QB Rating, Career

95.1 Chris Chandler, 1997
85.6 Jeff George, 1994-96
78.8 Bob Berry, 1968-72
76.4 Bobby Hebert, 1993-96
75.0 Chris Miller, 1987-93
74.5 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
67.7 Bob Lee, 1973-74
64.6 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
62.9 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Best QB Rating, Season (Min. 100 Att.)

110.2 Wade Wilson, 1992
106.7 Bob Berry, 1969
97.6 Steve Bartkowski, 1983

95.1 Chris Chandler, 1997
92.8 Steve Bartkowski, 1985
90.7 Chris Miller, 1992
89.7 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
89.5 Jeff George, 1995
88.0 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
84.0 Bobby Hebert, 1993
83.3 Jeff George, 1994

Most TD Passes, Career

154 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
87 Chris Miller, 1987-93
57 Bob Berry, 1968-72
50 Bobby Hebert, 1993-96
50 Jeff George, 1994-96
34 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
20 Chris Chandler, 1997
18 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most TD Passes, Season

31 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
30 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
26 Chris Miller, 1991
24 Jeff George, 1995
24 Bobby Hebert, 1993
23 Jeff George, 1994
22 Bobby Hebert, 1996
22 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
20 Chris Chandler, 1997
17 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
17 Chris Miller, 1990
16 Bob Berry, 1970
16 Chris Miller, 1989
15 Chris Miller, 1992

Steve Bartkowski

Most TD Passes, Game

5 Wade Wilson vs. Tampa Bay (12-13-92)
4 Jeff George vs. St. Louis Rams (11-19-95)
4 Jeff George at Denver (11-20-94)
4 Randy Johnson vs. Chicago (11-16-69)
4 Steve Bartkowski vs. N.O. (10-19-80)
4 Steve Bartkowski vs. Cardinals (10-18-81)
4 Chris Miller vs. Chicago (9-27-92)

Most Consecutive Games, TD Pass

14 Chris Miller, 1991-92
14 Steve Bartkowski, 1980-81
13 Chris Miller, 1989-90
12 Chris Chandler, 1997-current
9 Bobby Hebert, 1993
9 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
8 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
7 Bobby Hebert, 1996
7 Jeff George, 1994
6 Jeff George, 1995 (twice in '95)

Most Consecutive Passes Without Int.

197 Steve Bartkowski, 1982-83
185 Chris Miller, 1989

Most Consecutive Games Without Int.

5 Steve Bartkowski, 1983

Lowest Interception Pct., Career

2.04 Chris Chandler, 1997
2.71 Jeff George, 1994-96
3.45 Chris Miller, 1987-93
4.35 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
4.48 Dave Archer, 1984-87
4.59 Bobby Hebert, 1993-96
5.34 Bob Berry, 1968-72
5.47 Bob Lee, 1973-74

Chris Chandler

Lowest Interception Pct., Season (150 Att.)

1.16 Steve Bartkowski, 1983 (5-432)
1.90 Chris Miller, 1989 (10-526)
1.97 Jeff George, 1995 (11-557)
1.98 Scott Hunter, 1977 (3-151)
2.04 Chris Chandler, 1997 (7-342)
2.37 Chris Milller, 1992 (6-253)
2.45 Wade Wilson, 1992 (4-163)
3.06 David Archer, 1986 (9-294)

Most Interceptions, Career

141 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
72 Chris Miller, 1987-93
65 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
56 Bob Berry, 1968-72
49 Bobby Hebert, 1993-96

Most Interceptions, Season

25 Bobby Hebert, 1996
23 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
21 Randy Johnson, 1966
21 Randy Johnson, 1967
20 Steve Bartkowski, 1979

Most Interceptions, Game

6 Bobby Hebert vs. Rams, 12-15-96
6 Bobby Hebert vs. Oilers, 12-5-93
5 Kim McQuilken vs. Vikings, 11-9-75

RECEIVING

Most Passes Caught, Career

423 Andre Rison, 1990-94
359 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
320 Terance Mathis, 1994-97
305 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
276 William Andrews, 1979-83, 86
266 Michael Haynes, 1988-93, '97
260 Bert Emanuel, 1994-97
244 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
211 Stacey Bailey, 1982-90
201 Mike Pritchard, 1991-93
188 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
186 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
181 Floyd Dixon, 1986-91
166 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
158 Eric Metcalf, 1995-96
152 Ken Burrow, 1971-75
140 Art Malone, 1970-74
122 Lynn Cain, 1979-84

Terance Mathis

Most Passes Caught, Season

111 Terance Mathis, 1994
104 Eric Metcalf, 1995
93 Andre Rison, 1992
86 Andre Rison, 1993
82 Andre Rison, 1990
81 Andre Rison, 1994
81 Andre Rison, 1991
81 William Andrews, 1981
78 Terance Mathis, 1995
77 Mike Pritchard, 1992
75 Bert Emanuel, 1996
74 Bert Emanuel, 1995
74 Mike Pritchard, 1993
74 Wallace Francis, 1979
72 Michael Haynes, 1993
70 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
69 Terance Mathis, 1996
68 John Settle, 1988
67 Stacey Bailey, 1984

65 Bert Emanuel, 1997
64 Billy Johnson, 1983
63 Charlie Brown, 1986
62 Terance Mathis, 1997
62 Billy Johnson, 1985
60 Drew Hill, 1992

Most 50-Catch Seasons

5 Andre Rison, 1990-94
4 Terance Mathis, 1994-97
3 Bert Emanuel, 1994-97
3 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
3 William Andrews, 1979-86

Most Passes Caught (3 Week Period)

30 Eric Metcalf, 9-3 to 9-17-95
30 Andre Rison, 9-23 to 10-14-90
29 Andre Rison, 9-4 to 9-18-94
28 Terance Mathis, 11-13 to 11-27-94
28 Terance Mathis, 9-11 to 9-25-94

Most Passes Caught, Game

15 William Andrews vs. Pitt (124 yds), 11-15-81
14 Andre Rison at Detroit (193 yds), 9-4-94
13 Terance Mathis vs. KC (123 yds), 9-18-94
13 William Andrews at TB (98 yds), 12-6-81
12 Andre Rison vs. Rams (123 yds), 9-11-94
11 Eric Metcalf at N.O. (155 yds), 9-17-95
11 Andre Rison vs. TB (147 yds), 10-31-93
11 Andre Rison vs. SF (99 yds), 11-9-92
11 William Andrews vs. GB (77 yds), 12-26-82
11 Billy Johnson vs. NO (153 yds), 10-20-85
11 Andre Rison at SF (128 yds), 9-23-90
10 Terance Mathis vs. Rams (184 yds), 11-19-95
10 Eric Metcalf at S.F. (89 yds), 9-10-95
10 Terance Mathis at NO (125 yds), 11-13-94
10 Terance Mathis vs. Philly (124 yds), 11-27-94
10 Mike Pritchard at Detroit (97 yds), 9-5-93
10 Wallace Francis vs. Rams (108 yds), 12-9-79
10 John Settle vs. SD (106 yds), 11-13-88
10 Andre Rison vs. NO (154 yds), 10-7-90
10 Andre Rison at Chicago (177 yds), 9-27-92

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Career

6,257 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
5,635 Andre Rison, 1990-94
4,348 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
4,220 Michael Haynes, 1988-93, '97
3,954 Terance Mathis, 1994-97
3,695 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
3,600 Bert Emanuel, 1994-97
3,378 Stacey Bailey, 1982-89
3,010 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
2,668 Ken Burrow, 1971-75
2,645 William Andrews, 1979-86
2,487 Floyd Dixon, 1986-91
2,187 Mike Pritchard, 1991-93
2,062 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
1,788 Eric Metcalf, 1995-96
1,433 Charlie Brown, 1985-87
1,384 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Season

1,358 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
1,342 Terance Mathis, 1994
1,242 Andre Rison, 1993
1,208 Andre Rison, 1990
1,189 Eric Metcalf, 1995
1,138 Stacey Bailey, 1984
1,122 Michael Haynes, 1991
1,121 Andre Rison, 1992
1,088 Andre Rison, 1994
1,039 Terance Mathis, 1995
1,039 Bert Emanuel, 1995
1,025 Alfred Jenkins, 1980
1,013 Wallace Francis, 1979
991 Bert Emanuel, 1997
976 Andre Rison, 1991
921 Bert Emanuel, 1996
918 Charlie Brown, 1986
881 Stacey Bailey, 1983
862 Shawn Collins, 1989
862 Wallace Francis, 1980

Alfred Jenkins

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Game

193 Andre Rison at Det (14 rec), 9-4-94
193 Alfred Jackson vs. SF (11 rec), 12-2-84
190 Michael Haynes vs. Wash (6 rec), 12-17-89
190 Ken Burrow at Detroit (6 rec), 10-3-71
190 Ken Burrow at NO (8 rec), 12-19-71
187 Michael Haynes at NO (6 rec), 11-24-91
184 Terance Mathis vs. Rams (10 rec), 11-19-95
182 Michael Haynes vs. NO (7 rec), 9-12-93
179 Alfred Jenkins vs. NO (5 rec), 11-1-81
177 Andre Rison at Chicago (10 rec), 9-27-92
173 Bert Emanuel vs. Rams (9 rec), 12-15-96

Most 100-Yard Games, Career

17 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
15 Andre Rison, 1990-94
10 Terance Mathis, 1994-97
9 Michael Haynes, 1988-93, '97
9 Bert Emanuel, 1994-97
8 Stacey Bailey, 1982-1989
6 Ken Burrow, 1971-1975

Most 100 Yard Receiving Games, Season

5 Terance Mathis, 1994
5 Michael Haynes, 1991
5 Andre Rison, 1990

Most TD Receptions, Career

56 Andre Rison, 1990-94
40 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
34 Michael Haynes, 1988-93, '97
33 Terance Mathis, 1994-97
28 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
27 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
24 Bert Emanuel, 1994-97
22 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
21 Ken Burrow, 1971-75

Most TD Receptions, Season

15 Andre Rison, 1993
13 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
12 Andre Rison, 1991
11 Terance Mathis, 1994
11 Michael Haynes, 1991
11 Andre Rison, 1992
10 Andre Rison, 1990
10 Michael Haynes, 1992
9 Bert Emanuel, 1997
9 Terance Mathis, 1995
8 Terance Mathis, 1997
8 Eric Metcalf, 1995
8 Andre Rison, 1994
8 Wallace Francis, 1979
7 Terance Mathis, 1996
7 Mike Pritchard, 1993
7 Ken Burrow, 1973

Andre Rison

Most TD Receptions, Game

3 Terance Mathis vs. St.L Rams, 11-19-95

3 Andre Rison at San Francisco, 9-19-93
3 Andre Rison vs. Buccaneers, 11-17-91
3 Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, 11-1-81
3 Andre Rison at Chicago, 9-27-92

Highest Per Catch Avgerage, Season

22.4 Michael Haynes (50) 1991
19.4 Alfred Jenkins (70) 1981
18.0 Alfred Jenkins (57) 1980
17.3 Alfred Jenkins (41) 1976
17.2 Alfred Jenkins (50) 1979
17.0 Michael Haynes (40) 1989
16.8 Michael Haynes (48) 1992

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Return Yards, Career

3,388 Deion Sanders, 1989-93
1,989 Ron Smith, 1966-67
1,934 Sylvester Stamps, 1983-88
1,860 Jim Butler, 1968-71
1,655 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
1,453 Tony Smith, 1992-94
1,312 Eric Metcalf, 1995-96
1,308 Roell Preston, 1995-96
1,239 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80
1,147 Willie Belton, 1971-73
1,035 Cliff Austin, 1984-86
1,026 Clarence Verdin, 1994
1,011 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
987 Byron Hanspard, 1997
793 Dave Hampton, 1972-75
790 Keith Jones, 1989-92

Most Return Yards, Season

1,143 Reggie Smith, 1981
1,067 Deion Sanders, 1992
1,034 Eric Metcalf, 1996
1,026 Clarence Verdin, 1994
1,013 Ron Smith, 1966
987 Byron Hanspard, 1997
976 Ron Smith, 1967
948 Tony Smith, 1993
851 Deion Sanders, 1990
838 Cliff Austin, 1985
799 Jim Butler, 1968

Reggie Smith

Most Return Yards, Game

249 Tony Smith vs. Pittsburgh, 9-27-93
198 Clarence Verdin vs. N.O., 12-11-94
193 Sylvester Stamps at Hou., 10-25-87
190 Deion Sanders at N.O., 12-3-92
180 Jamal Anderson at Arizona, 11-26-95
177 Sylvester Stamps at S.F., 12-20-87
176 Eric Metcalf at S.F., 9-29-96
176 Eric Metcalf vs. Philadelphia, 9-22-96
176 Roell Preston at Cincinnati, 11-24-96

Highest Average Return, Career (Min. 25)

24.89 Tony Smith, 1992-94
24.68 Byron Hanspard, 1997
24.26 Ron Smith, 1966-67
24.16 Jim Butler, 1968-71
24.07 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
23.62 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
23.41 Willie Belton, 1971-73
23.32 Clarence Verdin, 1994
23.30 Sylvester Stamps, 1984-88
23.05 Deion Sanders, 1989-93

Highest Average Return, Season (Min. 25)

27.50 Sylvester Stamps, 1984
26.68 Deion Sanders, 1992
26.48 Dennis Pearson, 1978
25.21 Willie Belton, 1971
25.03 Ron Smith, 1967
24.95 Tony Smith, 1993
24.68 Byron Hanspard, 1997
24.32 Reggie Smith, 1981
24.28 Gerald Tinker, 1974

Most Returns, Career

147 Deion Sanders, 1989-93
83 Sylvester Stamps, 1984-88
82 Ron Smith, 1966-67
77 Jim Butler, 1968-71
72 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
62 Roell Preston, 1995-96
61 Eric Metcalf, 1995-96
55 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80
50 Cliff Austin, 1984-86
44 Clarence Verdin, 1994

Sylvester Stamps

Most Returns, Season

49 Eric Metcalf, 1996
47 Reggie Smith, 1981
44 Clarence Verdin, 1994
43 Ron Smith, 1966
40 Byron Hanspard, 1997
40 Deion Sanders, 1992
39 Ron Smith, 1967
39 Cliff Austin, 1985
39 Deion Sanders, 1990
38 Tony Smith, 1993
37 Jim Butler, 1968
35 Deion Sanders, 1989

Longest Kickoff Returns

100t Deion Sanders at SF, 10-13-91
100t Dennis Pearson at St. Louis, 12-17-78
99t Byron Hanspard at S.D., 12-7-97
99t Deion Sanders at Washington, 9-13-92
99t Ron Smith at Baltimore, 9-17-67
97t Tony Smith vs. Pittsburgh, 9-27-93
97t Sylvester Stamps at SF, 12-20-87
94t Cliff Austin vs. New Orleans, 10-20-85
93t Byron Hanspard at Seattle, 11-30-97

PUNT RETURNS

Most Return Yards, Career

1,251 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
789 Deion Sanders, 1989-93
738 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
679 Eric Metcalf, 1995-96
540 Ray Brown, 1971-77
485 Tony Smith, 1992-94
446 Todd Kinchen, 1997
413 Al Dodd, 1973-74
366 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86

Billy Johnson

Most Return Yards, Season

489 Billy Johnson, 1983
446 Todd Kinchen, 1997
383 Eric Metcalf, 1995
376 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
360 Ray Brown, 1973
352 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
344 Al Dodd, 1974

Most Return Yards, Game

116 Billy Johnson at Jets, 10-23-83
108 Al Dodd vs. Chicago, 10-13-74
102 Gerald Tinker at Chicago, 9-29-74

Highest Return Average, Career (Min. 30)

11.80 Al Dodd, 1973-74
10.29 Eric Metcalf, 1995-96

10.09 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
9.89 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
9.03 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
8.85 Ray Brown, 1971-77
8.66 Tony Smith, 1992-94
8.58 Todd Kinchen, 1997
8.43 Deion Sanders, 1989-93

Highest Return Average, Season (Min. 20)
12.74 Al Dodd, 1974
12.22 Kenny Johnson, 1980
11.38 Billy Johnson, 1982
11.00 Deion Sanders, 1989
10.96 Eric Metcalf, 1996
10.63 Billy Johnson, 1983
9.82 Eric Metcalf, 1995
9.69 Tony Smith, 1992
9.00 Ray Brown, 1973
9.00 Lew Barnes, 1988

Highest Return Average, Game (Min. 3)
31.0 Billy Johnson vs. Raiders, 11-21-82
26.0 Ray Brown vs. Philadelphia, 11-11-73

Most Returns, Career
124 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
110 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
93 Deion Sanders, 1989-93
66 Eric Metcalf, 1995-96
61 Ray Brown, 1971-77
56 Tony Smith, 1992-94
52 Todd Kinchen, 1997
47 Billy Ryckman, 1977-80
46 Willie Belton, 1971-73

Most Returns, Season
54 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
52 Todd Kinchen, 1997
51 Rolland Lawrence, 1977
46 Billy Johnson, 1983
40 Ray Brown, 1973
39 Eric Metcalf, 1995
34 Lew Barnes, 1988
33 Scott Woerner, 1981
32 Tony Smith, 1993

Rolland Lawrence

Most Returns, Game
8 Rolland Lawrence at S.F., 10-9-77

Most Touchdowns, Punt Returns, Career
2 Deion Sanders, 1989, 1990
1 Eric Metcalf, 1995
1 Tom McCauley, 1970
1 John Mallory, 1970
1 Gerald Tinker, 1974
1 Billy Johnson, 1983

Longest Punt Returns
79t Deion Sanders vs. Cincinnati, 10-28-90
77t Tom McCauley vs. NO, 10-25-70
75t John Mallory vs. Minn, 12-20-70
72t Gerald Tinker at NO, 9-29-74
71t Billy Johnson at N.Y. Jets, 10-23-83
68t Deion Sanders at L.A. Rams, 9-10-89
66t Eric Metcalf at St. Louis Rams, 10-12-95

COMBINED RETURNS

Combined Return Yards, Career
4,177 Deion Sanders, 1989-93
2,161 Ron Smith, 1966-67
2,016 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
1,991 Eric Metcalf, 1995-96
1,942 Sylvester Stamps, 1983-88
1,938 Tony Smith, 1992-94
1,860 Jim Butler, 1968-71
1,423 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
1,419 Willie Belton, 1971-73
1,354 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80
1,308 Roell Preston, 1995-96
1,289 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
1,229 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
1,139 Clarence Verdin, 1994
1,035 Cliff Austin, 1984-86
987 Byron Hanspard, 1997

Most Combined Return Yards, Season
1,330 Eric Metcalf, 1996
1,242 Reggie Smith, 1981
1,203 Tony Smith, 1993
1,139 Clarence Verdin, 1994
1,108 Deion Sanders, 1992
1,101 Deion Sanders, 1990
1,093 Ron Smith, 1966
1,068 Ron Smith, 1967
1,032 Deion Sanders, 1989
987 Byron Hanspard, 1997
897 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
869 Willie Belton, 1971

Most Combined Returns, Career
240 Deion Sanders, 1989-93
139 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
129 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
127 Eric Metcalf, 1995-96
117 Tony Smith, 1992-94
113 Ron Smith, 1966-67
112 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
95 Willie Belton, 1971-73

Deion Sanders

Most Combined Returns, Season
76 Eric Metcalf, 1996
75 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
70 Tony Smith, 1993
68 Deion Sanders, 1990
67 Clarence Verdin, 1994
63 Deion Sanders, 1989
59 Ron Smith, 1967
59 Reggie Smith, 1981
58 Willie Belton, 1971
54 Ron Smith, 1966
53 Deion Sanders, 1992
51 Eric Metcalf, 1995

COMBINED NET YARDS
(Rushing, Receiving, KO & Punt Returns)

Most Combined Yards, Career
8,702 William Andrews, 1979-86
8,363 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
6,327 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
5,831 Andre Rison, 1990-94
5,789 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
5,106 Dave Hampton, 1972-75
4,828 Jim Butler, 1968-71
4,697 Deion Sanders, 1989-93
4,549 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
4,368 Michael Haynes, 1988-93, '97
4,008 Terance Mathis, 1994-97
3,920 Eric Metcalf, 1995-96
3,702 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
3,648 Jamal Anderson, 1994-97
3,604 Bert Emanuel, 1994-97
3,572 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
3,569 Art Malone, 1970-74

William Andrews

Most Combined Yards, Season
2,176 William Andrews, 1983
2,037 William Andrews, 1981
1,986 Gerald Riggs, 1985
1,983 Eric Metcalf, 1995

1,937 Eric Metcalf, 1996
1,774 Dave Hampton, 1972
1,764 William Andrews, 1980
1,763 Gerald Riggs, 1984
1,608 Jamal Anderson, 1996
1,594 John Settle, 1988
1,528 Dave Hampton, 1973
1,463 Gerald Riggs, 1986
1,433 Craig Heyward, 1995
1,420 Art Malone, 1972
1,375 Byron Hanspard, 1997
1,342 Terance Mathis, 1994
1,358 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
1,357 Jim Butler, 1969
1,337 Ron Smith, 1967

Most Combined Yards, Game
296 Eric Metcalf (0/97/199) vs. Phil, 9-22-96
261 Tony Smith (0/0/261) vs. Pitt, 9-27-93
235 Eric Metcalf (16/155/64) at N.O., 9-17-95
226 Billy Johnson (53/57/116) at NYJ, 10-23-83
224 Eric Metcalf (4/44/176) at S.F., 9-29-96
223 William Andrews (161/62/0) at Miami, 12-10-83
219 Gerald Riggs (197/22/0) at KC, 12-8-85
215 Rolland Lawrence (0/0/215) at NO, 10-10-76
212 Eric Metcalf (12/91/109) vs. S.F., 12-25-95
210 Dave Hampton (62/66/82) at Detroit, 10-1-73
207 William Andrews (158/49/0) vs Buff, 12-18-83
207 W. Andrews (119/68/0) vs Rams, 11-21-82
202 Gerald Riggs (202/0/0) at NO, 9-2-84
200 Lynn Cain (29/110/61) at Raiders, 9-14-79
198 Clarence Verdin (0/0/198) vs. NO, 12-11-94

Andrews had back-to-back 200-yard games in 1983, then Riggs in the '84 opener for three straight games.

PUNTING

Highest Punting Average, Career
42.6 Rick Donnelly, 1985-88
42.0 Scott Fulhage, 1989-92
41.6 Dan Stryzinski, 1995-96
41.6 Harold Alexander, 1993-94
41.3 Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
40.9 Ralph Giacomarro, 1983-84
40.8 John James, 1972-81
40.7 Dan Stryzinski, 1995-97

Scott Fulhage

Highest Punting Average, Season (Min. 35)
44.32 Billy Lothridge, 1968
44.03 Rick Donnelly, 1987
43.25 Harold Alexander, 1993
43.86 Rick Donnelly, 1986
43.69 Billy Lothridge, 1967
43.63 Rick Donnelly, 1985
42.80 Scott Fulhage, 1991
42.77 John James, 1972

Highest Punting Average, Game (Min. 4)
52.1 Rick Donnelly at Philadelphia, 11-10-85

Highest Net Punting Average, Season
38.1 Billy Lothridge, 1968
37.6 Harold Alexander, 1993
36.7 Dan Stryzinski, 1997
36.7 Billy Lothridge, 1969
36.6 Scott Fulhage, 1991
36.4 John James, 1973
36.2 Dan Stryzinski, 1995

Most Punts, Career
873 John James, 1972-81
424 Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
303 Scott Fulhage, 1989-
296 Rick Donnelly, 1985-88
231 Dan Stryzinski, 1995-97

John James

167 Ralph Giacomarro, 1983-84
143 Harold Alexander, 1993-94

Most Punts, Season
109 John James, 1978
105 John James, 1977
101 John James, 1976
98 Rick Donnelly, 1988
96 John James, 1974
89 Dan Stryzinski, 1997
89 John James, 1975

Most Punts, Game
12 John James vs. Washington, 12-10-78
11 Rick Donnelly at Philadelphia, 10-30-88

Most Punts Inside 20, Season
28 John James, 1976
27 Rick Donnelly, 1988
26 John James, 1980
25 John James, 1978
24 Scott Fulhage, 1989
22 Dan Stryzinski, 1996
21 Dan Stryzinski, 1995
20 Dan Stryzinski, 1997

Longest Punt
75 Harold Alexander at Chicago, 10-3-93
75 John James vs. Oakland, 11-30-75
72 John James vs. NO, 9-16-73
71 Rick Donnelly vs. N.Y. Jets, 11-9-86

Most Fair Catches Forced, Season
45 Dan Stryzinski, 1997
25 Dan Stryzinski, 1996
21 Dan Stryzinski, 1995
20 Scott Fulhage, 1989
20 John James, 1976

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Passes Intercepted, Career
39 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-81
31 Ray Brown, 1971-77
30 Scott Case, 1984-94
29 Ken Reaves, 1966-74
27 Bobby Butler, 1981-1992
24 Deion Sanders, 1989-93
20 Tom Pridemore, 1978-85
17 Tom Hayes, 1971-75
16 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
13 Ray Easterling, 1972-80
12 Tommy Nobis, 1966-76
12 Greg Brezina, 1968-79

Scott Case

Most Passes Intercepted, Season
10 Scott Case, 1988
9 Rolland Lawrence, 1975
8 Ray Brown, 1974
7 Deion Sanders, 1993
7 Ken Reaves, 1967
7 Rolland Lawrence, 1977
7 Al Richardson, 1980
7 Tom Pridemore, 1981

Most Passes Intercepted, Game
2 - 41 times—Last time, Ray Buchanan at S.D., 12-7-97

Most Consecutive Games Pass Int.
4 D.J. Johnson (Weeks 2-5, 1994 Season)
4 Ken Reaves (3 games-1970, 1-1971)

Most Interception Return Yards, Career
658 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
574 Ray Brown, 1971-77
520 Deion Sanders, 1989-93
439 Ken Reaves, 1966-73
372 Tom Pridemore, 1978-85
264 Scott Case, 1984-94

246 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
227 Bobby Butler, 1981-1992
203 Rick Byas, 1974-80
197 Tom Hayes, 1971-75
177 Vinnie Clark, 1993-94
186 Al Richardson, 1980-85
182 Tommy Nobis, 1966-76

Most Interception Return Yards, Season
221 Tom Pridemore, 1981
164 Ray Brown, 1974
163 Rolland Lawrence, 1975
153 Ken Reaves, 1967
153 Deion Sanders, 1990
139 Al Richardson, 1980
119 Vinnie Clark, 1994
105 Darnell Walker, 1994
84 Jessie Tuggle, 1995

Most Interception Return Yards, Game
101 Tom Pridemore vs. SF (1 INT), 9-20-81

Most Interceptions For TD's, Career
3 Deion Sanders, 1989-93
2 Ray Brown, 1971-77
Tom Hayes, 1971-75
Tommy Nobis, 1966-76
Robert Pennywell, 1977-80
Kenny Johnson, 1980-86

Most Interceptions For TD's, Season
2 Tom Hayes, 1973
Kenny Johnson, 1983
Deion Sanders, 1990

Most Interceptions For TD's, Game
2 Kenny Johnson vs. GB (26 and 31), 11-27-83

FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Most Recoveries, Career
13 Greg Brezina (12 yards), 1968-79
12 Tommy Nobis (6), 1966-76
11 Tom Pridemore (50), 1978-85
Claude Humphrey (49), 1968-78
Mike Gann (90), 1985-93
10 Rolland Lawrence (20), 1973-80
Don Hansen (14), 1969-75
8 Chuck Smith, 1992-97
7 Jessie Tuggle, 1987-97

Most Recoveries, Season
5 Ralph Ortega (14 yards), 1977
Frank Reed (13), 1978
Greg Brezina (0), 1969
Jeff Yeates (0), 1979

Most Recoveries, Game
2 Thirteen Times. Last time by Lester Archambeau at Detroit, 8-31-97

Most Yards, Fumble Recoveries, Career
154 Jessie Tuggle (7 recoveries), 1987-97
113 Bob Glazebrook (4), 1978-83
111 Joel Williams (8), 1979-89
97 Bobby Butler (8), 1981-92
90 Mike Gann (10), 1985-93
90 John Mallory (6), 1967-71

Most Yards, Fumble Recoveries, Season
91 Bob Glazebrook (2 recoveries), 1982
76 James Britt (2), 1986
75 Oliver Barnett (1), 1991
74 Jim Weatherford (3), 1969
69 Jessie Tuggle (1), 1992

Most TD's, Fumble Recoveries, Career
4* Jessie Tuggle (7 recoveries), 1987-96
(4 is tied for NFL record)
2 Mike Gann (10), 1985-93
Joel Williams (8), 1979-89
Bobby Butler (8), 1981-92
Kenny Johnson (7), 1980-86
John Mallory (6), 1967-71

Most TD's, Fumble Recoveries, Season
2 Kenny Johnson, 1981
1 31 Times (Last time: Vinnie Clark vs. Pittsburgh, 9-27-93, 46 yards)

Most TD's Fumble Recoveries, Game
1 33 Times (Last time: Vinnie Clark vs. Pittsburgh, 9-27-93, 46 yards)

Safeties, Career
2 Claude Humphrey, 1968-78
Brian Jordan, 1989-91
1 14 Players, last safety by Jordan, Seattle, Dec. 15, 1991

SACKS

Most Sacks, Career
62.5 (510 yds) Claude Humphrey, 1968-78
40.0 (256.5 yds), Chuck Smith, 1992-97
38.5 (311 yds) Don Smith, 1979-84
38.0 (327 yds) John Zook, 1969-75
36.0 (314 yds) Jeff Merrow, 1975-83
30.5 (232 yds) Rick Bryan, 1984-91
29.5 (162.5 yds), Mike Gann, 1985-93

Most Sacks, Season
16.0 Joel Williams, 1980
15.0 Claude Humphrey, 1976
12.5 Claude Humphrey, 1974
12.0 Chuck Smith, 1997
12.0 Claude Humphrey, 1971
11.0 Chuck Smith, 1994
10.5 Travis Hall, 1997
10.5 Al Richardson, 1981
10.0 Jeff Merrow, 1977
10.0 Claude Humphrey, 1977
10.0 John Zook, 1975
10.0 Claude Humphrey, 1973
9.0 Chris Doleman, 1995
9.0 Marcus Cotton, 1989
9.0 Don Smith, 1979
9.0 Greg Brezina, 1978
9.0 Mike Lewis, 1975
8.5 Lester Archambeau, 1997
8.0 Dan Owens, 1997
8.0 Jeff Merrow, 1980
8.0 John Zook, 1971

Chuck Smith

Most Sacks, Game
5.0 Chuck Smith at N.O., 10-12-97
5.0 Claude Humphrey (Twice)
4.0 Claude Humphrey at N.O., 12-19-71
3.5 Chris Doleman vs. Carolina, 9-3-95
3.0 Travis Hall at N.O., 10-12-97
3.0 Clay Matthews vs. Carolina, 11-3-96

Most Sack Yards, Career
510 Claude Humphrey, 1968-78
327 John Zook, 1969-75
314 Jeff Merrow, 1975-83
311 Don Smith, 1979-84
257 Chuck Smith, 1992-97
232 Rick Bryan, 1984-91
219 Greg Brezina, 1968-69, 1971-79
207 Mike Lewis, 1971-79
187 Tim Green, 1986-93
185 Al Richardson, 1980-85
185 Joel Williams, 1979-82, 1986-89
108 Chris Doleman, 1994-95

Most Sack Yards, Season
137.5 Joel Williams, 1980
103.5 Claude Humphrey, 1971
127.5 Claude Humphrey, 1976
91.0 Jeff Merrow, 1977
91.0 Al Richardson, 1981
88.0 Claude Humphrey, 1977
85.0 Chuck Smith, 1994
75.0 Chuck Smith, 1997

NFL RECORDS

***** Where some current and former Falcons stand in the NFL's all-time record books***

Most Seasons, One Club
20 Jackie Slater, Rams, 1976-95
19 Jim Marshall, Minnesota, 1961-79
18 JEFF VAN NOTE, Atlanta, 1969-86
Jim Hart, St. Louis, 1966-83
Pat Leahy, Jets, 1974-91
17 MIKE KENN, Atlanta, 1978-94

Most Games Played, NFL History
340 George Blanda (Chi, Balt, Hou, Oak)
282 Jim Marshall (Clev, Minn)
278 CLAY MATTHEWS (Clev, Atlanta)

Most Field Goals, 50 or more yards
33 MORTEN ANDERSEN (N.O., Atl)
22 Nick Lowery (K.C.)
21 Eddie Murray (Det, Wash, Minn)
20 NORM JOHNSON (Sea, Atl, Pitt)
19 Dean Biasucci, Indianapolis/St. Louis

Most Field Goals, 50, Season
8 MORTEN ANDERSEN, 1995
6 Dean Biasucci, Indy, 1983
5 NORM JOHNSON, 1986
Fred Steinfort, 1980
4 NORM JOHNSON, 1992
Six others

Most Seasons 100 or More Points
11 Nick Lowery
11 MORTEN ANDERSEN
10 Gary Anderson

Most Consecutive Games Scoring
222 MORTEN ANDERSEN
187 Jim Breech
155 Ray Wersching
151 Fred Cox

Most Two-Point Conversions
6 TERANCE MATHIS
4 Gino Cappelletti
4 Rob Moore

Most Safeties, Season
2 BRIAN JORDAN, Atlanta, 1991
Eleven Others in NFL history tie

Most 50 FG's, Game
3 MORTEN ANDERSEN, Atlanta, 1995
2 MICK LUCKHURST, 1982, Atlanta
MICK LUCKHURST, 1984, Atlanta
PAUL MCFADDEN, 1989, Atlanta
NORM JOHNSON, 1986, Seattle
Several others Kickers have tied

Most Rushing Attempts, Season
407 James Wilder, Tampa Bay, 1984
404 Eric Dickerson, LA Rams, 1986
397 GERALD RIGGS, Atlanta, 1985

Most Passes Attempted, Game
70 Drew Bledsoe, N.E., 1994
68 George Blanda, Houston, 1964
66 CHRIS MILLER (as a Falcon), 1989

Lowest Int., Percentage, Season
0.66 Joe Ferguson, Buffalo (1-151), 1976
0.90 Steve DeBerg, KC (4-444), 1990
1.16 STEVE BARTKOWSKI, Atlanta (5-432), '83

Most Times Sacked, Game
12 Bert Jones, Baltimore, 1980
Warren Moon, Houston, 1985
11 BOB BERRY, Atlanta, 1968
Eleven Others tie

Most Receptions, 1st Five Years
394 ANDRE RISON (as a Falcon)
389 Sterling Sharpe, Green Bay
358 Roger Craig, San Francisco

Longest Interception Return
103 Louis Oliver, Miami, 1992
103 Vencie Glenn, San Diego, 1987
102 Six Players
101 TOM PRIDEMORE, Atlanta, 1981
Four Others

Most Touchdowns, Int, Game
2 KENNY JOHNSON, Atlanta, 1983
(Tied with 14 others)

Most Punts, Career
1,154 Dave Jennings, Giants/Jets
1,083 JOHN JAMES, Atlanta
1,072 Jerrel Wilson, KC

Most Punts, Season
114 Bob Parsons, Chicago, 1981
109 JOHN JAMES, Atlanta, 1978
108 Rick Tuten, Seatle, 1992
108 John Teltschik, Philadelphia, 1986

Most Yards, Career Punt Returns
3,668 Dave Meggett, N.Y. Giants
3,317 BILLY "WHITE SHOES" JOHNSON, Hous/Atl
3,169 Vai Sikahema, Cardinals/GB/Philly
3,008 Rick Upchurch, Denver

Most TD's Career Punt Returns
9 ERIC METCALF, Cleveland/Atlanta
8 Jack Christiansen, Detroit
Rick Upchurch, Denver
7 David Meggett, New England/N.Y. Giants
6 BILLY JOHNSON, Houston/Atlanta
6 Brian Mitchell, Washington

Most Combined KO/Punt Returns for TD's
11 ERIC METCALF, 1989-97
9 Mel Gray, 1986-96
Ollie Matson, 1952-66
BILLY JOHNSON, 1974-88
Gale Sayers, 1965-71
Rick Upchurch, 1975-83
Jack Christiansen, 1951-58
Bobby Mitchell, 1958-68

Most TD's Punt Returns, Season
4 Jack Christiansen, Detroit, 1951
Rick Upchurch, Denver, 1976
3 BILLY JOHNSON, Houston, 1975
3 ERIC METCALF, S.D., 1997
Desmond Howard, G.B., 1996
Ernlen Tunnell, N.Y. Giants, 1951
LeRoy Irvin, L.A. Rams, 1981

Most Kickoff Returns, Career
412 Mel Gray, Detroit/Houston
319 Brian Mitchell, Washington
275 RON SMITH, Atlanta

Most Kickoff Returns, Game
9 Noland Smith - KC, Dino Hall - Cleveland, Paul Palmer - KC, ERIC METCALF - Atl

Most Kickoff Yards, Career
10,057 Mel Gray, Detroit/Houston
7,356 Brian Mitchell, Washington
6,922 RON SMITH, Atlanta

Most TD's, Opp. Fumble Recoveries, Career
4 JESSIE TUGGLE, Atlanta, 1987-96
4 Bill Thompson, Denver, 1969-81
3 Tied by 17 Players

Most TD's, Opp. Fumble Recoveries, Season
2 KENNY JOHNSON, Atlanta, 1981
Tied with 22 others

CAREER SERVICE, ATLANTA FALCONS

Most Seasons Played

18 Jeff Van Note (1969-86)
17 Mike Kenn (1978-1994)
12 Bobby Butler (1981-1992)
11 Steve Bartkowski (1975-85)
11 Tommy Nobis (1966-76)
11 Scott Case (1984-94)
11 Jessie Tuggle (1987-97)
10 Elbert Shelley (1987-96)
10 Rick Bryan (1984-93)
10 Claude Humphrey (1968-74, 76-78)
10 John James (1972-81)
10 Fulton Kuykendall (1975-84)

Jeff Van Note

Most Games Played

251 Mike Kenn (1978-94)
246 Jeff Van Note (1969-86)
171 Jessie Tuggle (1987-97)
170 Bobby Butler (1981-1992)
162 Scott Case (1984-94)
155 Jim Mitchell (1969-1979)
155 Greg Brezina (1968-79)
148 John James (1972-81)
133 Tommy Nobis (1966-76)
127 Claude Humphrey (1968-74, '76-78)
123 Steve Bartkowski (1975-85)
123 Fulton Kuykendall (1975-84)
122 John Rade (1983-1991)
119 Elbert Shelley (1987-96)
118 Mike Gann (1984-93)

Mike Kenn

Most Games Started

251 Mike Kenn
225 Jeff Van Note
152 Jessie Tuggle
133 Tommy Nobis
127 Claude Humphrey
126 Bobby Butler
122 Scott Case

Most Consecutive Games Played

155 Jeff Van Note (1976-86)
112 Ken Reaves (1966-73)
107 Buddy Curry (1980-87)
100 Steve Bartkowski (1977-1984)
94 Mike Kenn (1978-84)
89 Jessie Tuggle (1992-97)
86 Bob Whitfield (1992-97)
85 Moe Gardner (1992-96)

Most Consecutive Games Started

112 Jeff Van Note (1970-84)
100 Steve Bartkowski
(Week 8, 1977 – Week 10, 1984)
90 Mike Kenn (1978 – Week 2, 1984)
89 Jessie Tuggle
(Week 2, 1992 – Week 11, 1997)
86 Jim Mitchell
(Week 5, 1971 – Week 6, 1977)
80 Bob Whitfield
(Week 1, 1993 – Week 17, 1997)
79 Buddy Curry (1980 – Week 6, 1985)
78 Tom Pridemore
(Week 12, 1979 – Week 16, 1984)

Most Pro Bowl Appearances

6 Claude Humphrey
(1970, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77)
6 Jeff Van Note
(1974, 75, 79, 80, 81, 82)
5 Tommy Nobis (1966, 67, 68, 70, 72)
5 Mike Kenn (1980, 81, 82, 83, 84)
4 Jessie Tuggle (1992, 94, 95, 97)
4 Elbert Shelley (1992, 93, 94, 95)
4 Andre Rison (1990, 91, 92, 93)
4 Bill Fralic (1986-89)
4 William Andrews (1980, 81, 82, 83)

Most Consecutive Pro Bowl Appearances

5 Claude Humphrey (1970-74)
5 Mike Kenn (1980-84)
4 Elbert Shelley (1992-95)
4 Andre Rison (1990-93)
4 William Andrews (1980-83)
4 Jeff Van Note (1979-82)
4 Bill Fralic (1986-89)

Big Bob's Streak

Left tackle Bob Whitfield enters the 1998 season with a tough streak of consecutive games. The 6-foot-7 tackle heads into '98 needing only 14 games played to become just the 5th Falcon to ever play in 100 consecutive games. With 11 starts in- a-row, he'll move into 3rd place in team history for the longest streak.

Pro Bowl Falcons

Atlanta's '98 training camp roster included 9 players who had been voted to a Pro Bowl:

- Morten Andersen (7 selections)
- Cornelius Bennett (5 selections)
- Jessie Tuggle (4 selections)
- Eugene Robinson (2 selections)
- Mark Rypien (2 selections)
- Chris Chandler (1 selection)
- Terance Mathis (1 selection)
- Harold Green (1 selection)
- Tony Martin (1 selection)

CONSECUTIVE STREAKS

SCORING

Most Consecutive Games, Scoring

68 Mick Luckhurst (Week 1,1981 through Week 11, 1985)
48 Morten Andersen (Week 1, 1995 through Week 17, 1997)

Most Consecutive Games Scoring TD

5 Eric Metcalf, 1995 (3 rec, 1 return)
4 Bert Emanuel, 1997 (all receiving)
4 Andre Rison, 1993 (all receiving)
4 Gerald Riggs, 1986 (all rushing)
4 Jim Mitchell, 1975 (3 rec, 1 fumble)
4 Dave Hampton, 1975 (3 rush, 1 rec)

Most Consecutive Games With TD Pass

14 Steve Bartkowski (Week 7, 1980 - Week 4, 1981)
14 Chris Miller (Week 11, 1991 - Week 8, 1992)

Most Consecutive Games With TD Catch

4 Bert Emanuel, 1997
4 Andre Rison, 1993
4 Andre Rison, 1991
3 Seven Times - Last by E. Metcalf - '95

KICKING

Most Consecutive PAT's

139 Norm Johnson, 1991-94
134 Mick Luckhurst, 1983-1987

Most Consecutive Games FG Made

11 Norm Johnson, 1993
10 Morten Andersen, 1997
10 Morten Andersen, 1996
8 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973

Most Consecutive Field Goals

26 Norm Johnson, 1992-93
18 Morten Andersen, 1995
17 Mick Luckhurst, 1984-85
15 Norm Johnson, 1991
14 Norm Johnson, 1994
12 Morten Andersen, 1996
10 Morten Andersen, 1997
10 Morten Andersen, 1995

Norm Johnson

RUSHING

Most Consecutive 100-Yard Games

4 Gerald Riggs, 1985
3 William Andrews, 1983
3 Gerald Riggs, 1986

Most Consecutive 1,000-yard Seasons

3 William Andrews, 1979-81
3 Gerald Riggs, 1984-86
2 Jamal Anderson, 1996-97

RECEIVING

Most Consecutive Games With Reception

103 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-1983
61 Terance Mathis, 1994-97
57 Andre Rison, 1990-94

Most Consecutive 100-Yard Games

4 Terance Mathis, 1994 (Nov. 13 10-125, Nov. 20 8-168, Nov. 27 10-124, Dec. 4 7-128)
4 Andre Rison, 1990 (Sept. 23 11-128, Oct. 7 10-154, Oct. 14 9-172, Oct. 21 5-161)
3 Stacey Bailey, 1983 (Oct. 27-106, Oct. 9, 7-109, Oct. 16, 6-106)

PASSING

Most Consecutive Passes Completed

13 Jeff George vs. Detroit, 11-5-95
13 Jeff George vs. NO, 12-11-94
12 Jeff George at Det, 9-4-94
11 Jeff George vs. Philadelphia, 9-22-96
11 Jeff George vs. Det., 11-5-95
10 Bobby Hebert vs. N.O., 11-17-96
10 Steve Bartkowski vs. Rams, 10-7-84
10 Steve Bartkowski vs. Hou, 11-29-81
10 Randy Johnson vs. Detroit (6) 11-9-69 and Chicago (4) 11-16-69
10 Chris Miller vs. Dallas, 9-17-89

Most Consecutive Passes Without INT

197 Steve Bartkowski, 1982-83
185 Chris Miller, 1989

Most Consecutive Games With TD Pass

14 Steve Bartkowski, 1980-81
14 Chris Miller, 1991-92
13 Chris Miller, 1989-90
12 Chris Chandler, 1997-current

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Consecutive Games Pass INT

4 Ken Reaves (Last 3-1970, Opener-1971)

A Perfect 10 – *Falcons Defense Sets Club Sack Record*

Chuck Smith

Travis Hall

The Falcons set a new club record with 10 QB sacks in their win at New Orleans in 1997. Chuck Smith tied former Falcon Claude Humphrey's individual team record with 5 sacks on that Oct. 12 afternoon, going against Saints Pro Bowler William Roaf. Travis Hall added 2.5, Dan Owens had 1.5, and Cornelius Bennett rounded out the 10 by chipping in a sack. The defense also recorded 10 additional "QB pressures," recovered 2 fumbles, made 2 interceptions, and forced 5 fumbles in their relentless pursuit of the Saint with the ball.

TOP PERFORMANCES

RUSHING YARDAGE

202 - Gerald Riggs vs. N.O., 9-2-84 (35 att)
197 - Gerald Riggs vs. K.C., 12-8-85 (26 att)
192 - Eric Pegram vs. S.F., 9-19-93 (27 att)
180 - Eric Pegram vs. Cin, 12-26-93 (37 att)
172 - Gerald Riggs vs. Miami, 11-30-96 (33 att)
167 - William Andrews vs. N.O., 9-2-79 (30 att)
162 - Jamal Anderson vs. StL, 11-2-97 (20 att)
162 - Steve Broussard vs. Wash, 12-19-93 (26 att)
161 - William Andrews vs. Mia, 12-10-83 (21 att)
161 - Dave Hampton vs. L.A., 10-1-72 (29 att)
158 - Gerald Riggs vs. N.O., 12-22-85 (39 att)
158 - William Andrews vs. Buff, 12-17-83 (28 att)
155 - Mike Rozier vs. Dallas, 12-30-90 (21 att)
152 - Jamal Anderson at Arizona (33 att)
150 - William Andrews vs. Phil, 10-2-83 (25 att)
150 - William Andrews vs. Det, 9-18-83 (32 att)
145 - Lynn Cain vs. L.A. Rams, 10-7-84 (35 att)
141 - Gerald Riggs vs. L.A. Rams, 10-12-86 (35 att)
139 - Gerald Riggs vs. Sea, 10-13-85 (23 att)
136 - Gerald Riggs vs. S.F., 9-30-84 (28 att)
136 - Gerald Riggs vs. Ind, 12-7-86 (30 att)
135 - Dave Hampton vs. StL, 9-21-75 (23 att)
134 - Gerald Riggs vs. Wash, 11-5-84 (27 att)
133 - Gerald Riggs vs. S.F., 12-2-84 (30 att)
131 - Gerald Riggs vs. Det, 9-8-85 (31 att)
131 - William Andrews vs. S.D., 12-2-79 (21 att)
129 - Gerald Riggs vs. Phil, 11-10-85 (27 att)
129 - William Andrews vs. G.B., 11-27-83 (20 att)
129 - Haskel Stanback vs. N.O., 12-18-77 (22 att)
129 - Gerald Riggs vs. T.B., 9-28-86 (27 att)
128 - Eric Pegram vs. L.A. Rams, 11-14-93 (27 att)
127 - Gerald Riggs vs. Wash, 11-3-85 (22 att)
127 - Gerald Riggs vs. Dallas, 10-27-85 (24 att)
127 - Jim Butler vs. S.F., 10-4-70 (17 att)
126 - William Andrews vs. S.F., 9-25-83 (28 att)
125 - William Andrews vs. N.E., 10-30-83 (25 att)
125 - John Settle vs. Den, 10-16-88 (25 att)
124 - William Andrews vs. N.E., 9-14-80 (19 att)
123 - Eric Pegram vs. N.O., 10-24-93 (34 att)
123 - Gerald Riggs vs. L.A. Rams, 11-17-85 (41 att)
123 - Lynn Cain vs. Minn, 9-7-80 (24 att)
123 - Woody Thompson vs. N.O., 11-20-77 (24 att)
121 - William Andrews vs. Phil, 9-10-79 (24 att)
120 - Craig Heyward vs. N.Y. Jets, 9-24-95 (19 att)
120 - Gerald Riggs vs. Wash, 9-20-87 (23 att)
120 - Gerald Riggs vs. Hou, 9-23-84 (25 att)
119 - William Andrews vs. Rams, 11-21-82 (21 att)
119 - William Andrews vs. Rams, 10-11-81 (21 att)
119 - Gerald Riggs vs. Dallas, 12-6-87 (30 att)
117 - Craig Heyward vs. Rams, 11-19-95 (20 att)
117 - Junior Coffey vs. Clev, 10-30-66 (17 att)
115 - William Andrews vs. StL, 11-9-80 (20 att)
115 - William Andrews vs. Rams, 12-14-81 (23 att)
115 - Gerald Riggs vs. S.F., 9-18-88 (19 att)
115 - John Settle vs. Seattle, 10-2-88 (21 att)
115 - Mike Rozier vs. T.B., 12-2-90 (23 att)
114 - Jim Butler vs. N.O., 10-24-71 (20 att)
113 - Gerald Riggs vs. Hou, 10-25-87 (21 att)
112 - Gerald Riggs vs. Cin, 11-15-87 (23 att)
112 - Haskel Stanback vs. T.B., 9-24-78 (23 att)
111 - William Andrews vs. Rams, 10-26-80 (20 att)
111 - William Andrews vs. Wash, 11-30-80 (24 att)
110 - Gerald Riggs vs. Chi, 11-24-85 (30 att)
109 - Jamal Anderson vs. Car, 11-3-96 (22 att)
109 - Gerald Riggs vs. Dallas, 9-21-86 (25 att)
108 - Jamal Anderson at Car, 9-1-96 (14 att)
108 - William Andrews vs. S.F., 12-19-82 (24 att)
108 - Gerald Riggs vs. StL, 9-14-86 (29 att)
107 - Sonny Collins vs. S.F., 11-14-76 (31 att)
106 - Dave Hampton vs. Denver, 11-23-75 (26 att)
105 - William Andrews vs. S.F., 12-4-80 (18 att)
104 - Bubba Bean vs. Rams, 11-19-79 (17 att)
104 - Cliff Austin vs. N.O., 9-7-86 (27 att)
104 - Steve Broussard vs. S.F., 10-13-91 (10 att)
103 - Jamal Anderson at Det, 10-6-96 (16 att)
103 - Art Malone vs. Rams, 10-1-72 (18 att)
102 - Craig Heyward at N.O., 9-10-95 (25 att)
102 - Lynn Cain vs. Det, 10-5-80 (21 att)
102 - John Settle vs. N.O., 9-11-88 (10 att)
102 - Mike Rozier vs. Rams, 12-23-90 (21 att)
101 - William Andrews vs. Phil, 12-7-80 (18 att)
101 - William Andrews vs. Hou, 11-19-81 (25 att)
101 - Dave Hampton vs. N.O., 10-5-75 (25 att)
101 - Steve Broussard vs. S.D., 9-15-91 (20 att)
100 - Sonny Collins vs. Sea, 11-7-76 (17 att)
100 - William Andrews vs. S.F., 9-28-80 (21 att)

RECEIVING YARDAGE

193 - Andre Rison at Det, 9-4-94 (14 rec)
193 - Alfred Jackson vs. S.F., 12-2-84 (11 rec)
190 - Michael Haynes vs. Wash, 12-17-89 (6 rec)
190 - Ken Burrow vs. Det, 10-3-71 (6 rec)
190 - Ken Burrow vs. N.O., 12-19-71 (8 rec)
184 - Terance Mathis vs. Rams, 11-19-95 (10 rec)
187 - Michael Haynes vs. N.O., 11-24-91 (6 rec)
182 - Michael Haynes vs. N.O., 9-12-93 (7 rec)
179 - Alfred Jenkins vs. N.O., 11-1-81 (5 rec)
177 - Andre Rison vs. Chi, 9-27-92 (10 rec)
173 - Bert Emanuel vs. Rams, 12-15-96 (9 rec)
172 - Andre Rison vs. S.F., 10-14-90 (9 rec)
169 - Stacey Bailey vs. Dallas, 9-25-88 (4 rec)
163 - Terance Mathis at Den, 11-20-94 (8 rec)
161 - Andre Rison vs. Rams, 10-21-90 (5 rec)
159 - Stacey Bailey vs. Wash, 12-4-83 (9 rec)
158 - Stacey Bailey vs. Rams, 10-7-84 (7 rec)
155 - Eric Metcalf at N.O., 9-17-95 (11 rec)
154 - Andre Rison vs. N.O., 10-7-90 (10 rec)
153 - Billy Johnson vs. N.O., 10-20-85 (11 rec)
153 - Wallace Francis vs. NYG, 10-1-78 (7 rec)
152 - Alfred Jenkins vs. Wash, 9-25-77 (7 rec)
148 - Wallace Francis vs. S.F., 12-14-80 (4 rec)
148 - Michael Haynes vs. Dallas, 12-22-91 (5 rec)
147 - Andre Rison vs. T.B., 12-31-93 (11 rec)
147 - Alfred Jenkins vs. S.F., 12-14-75 (7 rec)
146 - Floyd Dixon vs. Phil, 10-5-86 (8 rec)
144 - Alex Hawkins vs. Phil, 9-18-66 (9 rec)
143 - Jim Mitchell vs. L.A. Rams, 9-26-71 (4 rec)
140 - Stacey Bailey vs. Phil, 12-16-84 (8 rec)
138 - Wallace Francis vs. Den, 9-16-79 (8 rec)
136 - Bert Emanuel vs. Ariz, 12-24-94 (4 rec)
136 - Billy Johnson vs. Raiders, 12-1-85 (6 rec)
136 - Alfred Jenkins vs. Clev, 9-27-81 (6 rec)
136 - Alfred Jenkins vs. Mia, 9-21-80 (4 rec)
134 - Alfred Jenkins vs. S.F., 11-8-81 (7 rec)
129 - Alfred Jenkins vs. Den, 9-16-79 (5 rec)
128 - Terance Mathis at S.F., 12-4-94 (7 rec)
128 - George Thomas vs. Minn, 9-8-91 (7 rec)
128 - Andre Rison vs. S.F., 9-23-90 (11 rec)
126 - Shawn Collins vs. G.B., 10-1-89 (5 rec)
125 - Terance Mathis at N.O., 9-13-94 (10 rec)
124 - Terance Mathis vs. Phil, 11-27-94 (10 rec)
124 - Andre Rison vs. G.B., 12-1-91 (8 rec)
124 - Alfred Jenkins vs. N.O., 9-2-79 (6 rec)
123- Terance Mathis at Car, 9-1-96 (4 rec)
123 - Terance Mathis vs. K.C., 9-18-94 (13 rec)
123 - Andre Rison vs. Rams, 9-11-94 (12 rec)
123 - Alfred Jenkins vs. Det, 9-18-83 (5 rec)
122 - Eric Metcalf at Cin, 11-24-96 (9 rec)
122 - Alfred Jenkins vs. Rams, 11-5-72 (7 rec)
121 - Bert Emanuel at T.B., 10-22-95 (9 rec)
120 - Andre Rison vs. Rams, 11-14-93 (5 rec)
120 - Wes Chesson vs. Rams, 11-5-72 (7 rec)
120 - Paul Flatley vs. Phil, 12-14-69 (4 rec)
119 - Charlie Brown vs. N.O., 9-7-86 (7 rec)
117 - Junior Miller vs. N.E., 9-14-80 (8 rec)
118 - Andre Rison at N.O., 11-13-94 (8 rec)
116 - Bert Emanuel vs. Minn, 9-8-96 (9 rec)

TOP PERFORMANCES

115 - Aubrey Matthews vs. StL, 11-29-87 (7 rec)
113 - Alfred Jackson vs. S.F., 11-22-78 (4 rec)
113 - Michael Haynes vs. T.B., 12-13-92 (5 rec)
113 - Paul Flatley vs. Rams, 9-28-69 (6 rec)
112 - Charlie Brown vs. N.Y. Jets, 11-9-86 (6 rec)
112 - Michael Haynes vs. Rams, 12-8-91 (6 rec)
110 - Billy Johnson vs. Den, 9-22-85 (7 rec)
110 - Paul Gibson vs. Rams, 11-22-70 (5 rec)
110 - Lynn Cain vs. Oak, 10-24-79 (6 rec)
110 - Charlie Brown vs. T.B., 9-28-86 (7 rec)
110 - Michael Haynes vs. Rams, 10-27-91 (4 rec)
109 - Bert Emanuel at Rams, 11-10-96 (4 rec)
109 - Stacey Bailey vs. N.O., 10-9-83 (7 rec)
109 - Milton Barney vs. Rams, 10-18-87 (6 rec)
109 - Jim Mitchell vs. Rams, 12-1-74 (7 rec)
108 - Bert Emanuel vs. StL, 11-2-97 (6 rec)
108 - Wallace Francis vs. Rams, 12-9-79 (10 rec)
108 - Billy Ryckman vs. Chi, 11-19-78 (8 rec)
108 - Arthur Cox vs. N.Y. Jets, 11-9-86 (4 rec)
107 - Terance Mathis at Car, 10-26-97 (8 rec)
107 - Drew Hill vs. Rams, 12-27-92 (8 rec)
106 - Andre Rison vs. Det, 9-5-93 (6 rec)
106 - Stacey Bailey vs. Phil, 10-2-83 (7 rec)
106 - Stacey Bailey vs. Rams, 10-16-83 (6 rec)
106 - William Andrews vs. Den, 12-5-82 (3 rec)
106 - Alfred Jenkins vs. Oak, 11-30-75 (4 rec)
106 - Alfred Jenkins vs. Den, 11-23-75 (6 rec)
106 - John Settle vs. S.D., 11-13-88 (10 rec)
106 - Eric Metcalf at T.B., 10-22-95 (4 rec)
105 - Floyd Dixon vs. Wash, 9-20-87 (5 rec)
105 - Alfred Jenkins vs. N.Y. Giants, 11-11-79 (6 rec)
105 - Harmon Wages vs. N.O., 12-7-69 (3 rec)
105 - Michael Haynes vs. Wash, 11-10-91 (2 rec)
105 - Mike Pritchard vs. Dallas, 12-21-92 (9 rec)
104 - Bert Emanuel at N.O., 9-17-95 (6 rec)
104 - Bert Emanuel vs. Det, 11-5-95 (7 rec)
102 - Terance Mathis at Car, 12-17-95 (8 rec)
102 - Stacey Bailey vs. Minn, 9-16-84 (4 rec)
102 - Alfred Jenkins vs. N.O., 11-2-75 (4 rec)
102 - Alfred Jenkins vs. Hou, 11-28-76 (5 rec)
102 - Alfred Jenkins vs. StL, 12-17-78 (5 rec)
101 - Terance Mathis at Dallas, 10-20-96 (5 rec)
101 - Paul Flatley vs. Balt, 10-5-69 (3 rec)
101 - Alfred Jenkins vs. G.B., 12-12-76 (6 rec)
101 - Alfred Jenkins vs. StL, 10-18-81 (4 rec)
101 - Michael Haynes vs. Dallas, 12-21-92 (5 rec)
100 - Bert Emanuel at Buff, 11-12-95 (6 rec)
100 - Andre Rison vs. Clev, 12-16-90 (6 rec)
100 - Andre Rison vs. Miami, 10-11-92 (7 rec)

PASSING YARDAGE

416 - Steve Bartkowski vs. Pitt, 11-15-81 (33-of-50)
386 - Jeff George at N.O., 9-17-95 (27-of-39)
378 - Steve Bartkowski vs. StL, 11-9-80 (31-of-47)
375 - Steve Bartkowski vs. Raiders, 9-19-82 (36-of-54)
374 - Wade Wilson vs. Rams, 12-27-92 (31-of-47)
372 - Steve Bartkowski vs. Hou, 11-29-81 (18-of-25)
366 - Steve Bartkowski vs. Det, 9-18-83 (24-of-34)
366 - Chris Miller vs. N.O., 10-7-90 (23-of-44)
363 - Bobby Hebert vs. Rams, 12-15-96 (28-of-49)
364 - Jeff George vs. Phil, 11-27-94 (26-of-46)
362 - Jeff George vs. Det, 11-5-95 (31-of-40)
352 - Jeff George vs. Rams, 11-19-95 (20-of-34)
351 - Chris Miller vs. Chi, 9-27-92 (30-of-48)
350 - Dave Archer vs. N.Y. Jets, 11-9-86 (21-of-36)
342 - Wade Wilson vs. Dalla, 12-21-92 (30-of-41)
340 - Chris Miller vs. Rams, 10-8-89 (28-of-39)
337 - Chris Miller vs. S.F., 9-23-90 (25-of-41)
335 - Erik Kramer vs. Rams, 10-18-87 (27-of-46)
334 - Chris Miller vs. Det, 12-24-89 (37-of-66)
332 - Steve Bartkowski vs. Mia, 9-21-80 (18-of-36)
328 - Jeff George at N.O., 11-13-94 (29-of-49)
326 - Steve Bartkowski vs. Den, 9-16-79 (20-of-29)
325 - Chris Miller vs. Dallas, 12-22-91 (19-of-39)
324 - Wade Wilson vs. T.B., 12-13-92 (19-of-26)
317 - Bobby Hebert vs. Hou, 12-5-93 (30-of-52)
315 - Bobby Hebert vs. Dallas, 11-21-93 (24-of-32)
313 - Steve Bartkowski vs. NYJ, 10-23-83 (25-of-36)
312 - Steve Bartkowski vs. N.O., 9-2-79 (22-of-38)
311 - Steve Bartkowski vs. NYG, 10-25-81 (24-of-28)
310 - Jeff George at Car, 12-17-95 (29-of-53)
310 - Chris Miller vs. Wash, 12-17-89 (17-of-35)
309 - Bob Berry vs. Det, 10-3-71 (13-of-23)
307 - Bobby Hebert at Cin, 11-24-96 (23-of-40)
305 - Steve Bartkowski vs. S.F., 12-14-75 (19-of-37)
303 - Mike Moroski vs. G.B., 11-27-83 (22-of-35)
302 - Bob Berry vs. G.B., 9-27-70 (28-of-44)
301 - Bob Berry vs. Rams, 9-26-71 (15-of-22)
301 - Steve Bartkowski vs. S.F., 11-20-83 (28-of-39)
300 - Chris Miller vs. Minn, 9-8-91 (27-of-41)

LONG RUNS FROM SCRIMMAGE (50 YARDS OR MORE)

77 - Byron Hanspard vs. Oak, 9-14-97
67 - Mike Rozier vs. Dallas, 12-30-90
t66 - Harmon Wages vs. NO, 12-7-69
65 - Ernie Wheelwright vs. L.A., 9-11-66
62 - John Settle vs. NO, 9-11-88
t60 - Jim Butler vs. Detroit, 12-8-68
t60 - Bubba Bean vs. TB, 11-4-79
57 - Byron Hanspard vs. Den, 9-28-97
57 - Gerald Riggs vs. NO, 9-2-84
56 - Dave Hampton vs. Rams, 10-1-72
t55 - Haskel Stanback vs. Detroit, 9-23-79
53 - Byron Hanspard vs. Phil, 12-14-97
50 - Gerald Riggs vs. KC, 12-8-85
t50 - Steve Broussard vs. Cin, 10-28-90

LONG PASS COMPLETIONS (75 YARDS OR MORE)

t98 - Bobby Hebert to Michael Haynes vs. New Orleans, Sept. 12, 1993
t89 - Chris Miller to Michael Haynes vs. Washington, Sept. 13, 1992
t88 - Bob Berry to Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
t86 - Steve Bartkowski to William Andrews vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982
t85 - Jeff George to Bert Emanuel vs. Arizona, Dec. 24, 1994
84 - Bob Berry to Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971
t82 - Randy Johnson to Ray Ogden vs. SF, Dec. 10, 1967 (AS)
t81 - Jeff George to **Terance Mathis** at San Francisco, Dec. 4, 1994
t81 - Steve Bartkowski to Wallace Francis vs. SF, Dec. 14, 1980 (AS)
t80 - Chris Miller to Michael Haynes vs. New Orleans, Nov. 24, 1991
t76 - Steve Bartkowski to Floyd Hodge vs. San Francisco, Sept. 25, 1983
t75 - Tom Moore to Tommy McDonald vs. Baltimore, Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)
t75 - Chris Miller to Andre Rison vs. San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1990 (AS)
t75 - Billy Joe Tolliver to Michael Haynes vs. Washington, Nov. 10, 1991

LONG PUNTS (65 YARDS OR MORE)

75 - Harold Alexander vs. Chi, 10-3-93
75 - John James vs. Oakland, 11-30-75
72 - John James vs. NO, 9-16-73
71 - Rick Donnelly vs. N.Y. Jets, 11-9-86
70 - Billy Lothridge vs. Clev., 10-27-68
68 - Rick Donnelly vs. Wash., 11-3-85 (AS)
68 - Rick Donnelly vs. Phil., 10-5-86 (AS)
67 - John James vs. NO, 10-31-76 (AS)

65 - Rick Donnelly vs. Chi, 11-16-86 (AS)
65 - Scott Fulhage vs. NE, 10-15-89

LONG FIELD GOALS (50 YARDS OR MORE)

59 - Morten Andersen vs. S.F., 12-24-95
55 - Morten Andersen at N.O., 10-12-97
55 - Morten Andersen vs. N.O., 12-10-95 (1)
55 - Morten Andersen vs. N.O., 12-10-95 (2)
54 - Morten Andersen at Dallas, 10-20-96
54 - Morten Andersen vs. N.E., 10-1-95
54 - Norm Johnson vs. Detroit, 9-5-93
54 - Norm Johnson vs. NY Jets, 9-6-92
54 - Norm Johnson vs. NE, 11-29-92
54 - Paul McFadden vs. Buff, 11-5-89
53 - Greg Davis vs. Phil, 11-18-90 (AS)
52 - Morten Andersen vs. S.F., 12-24-95
52 - Norm Johnson vs. Miami, 10-11-92
52 - Greg Davis vs. GB, 11-6-88 (AS)
52 - Mick Luckhurst vs. Seattle, 10-13-85
52 - Mick Luckhurst vs. Rams, 10-7-84
52 - Nick Mike-Mayer vs. SF, 10-28-73
51 - Morten Andersen vs. Oak, 9-14-97
51 - Morten Andersen vs. N.O., 12-10-95
51 - Morten Andersen vs. Carolina, 9-3-95
51 - Norm Johnson vs. Clev, 11-28-93
51 - Norm Johnson vs. SF, 10-18-92
51 - Mick Luckhurst vs. Det, 9-9-84 (AS)
51 - Mick Luckhurst vs. Den, 12-5-82 (2X)
50 - Morten Andersen at Buffalo, 11-12-95
50 - Norm Johnson vs. Phil, 11-27-94
50 - Paul McFadden vs. Buffalo, 11-5-89
50 - Mick Luckhurst vs. TB, 9-13-87
50 - Mick Luckhurst vs. Det, 12-27-87 (AS)
50 - Mick Luckhurst vs. Rams, 10-7-84
50 - Tim Mazzetti vs. Buffalo, 11-2-80
50 - Norm Johnson vs. NO, 11-24-91

LONG INTERCEPTION RETURNS (60 YARDS OR MORE)

t101 -Tom Pridemore vs. SF, 9-20-81
t90 - Ken Reaves vs. L.A. Rams, 10-20-68
t87 - Rolland Lawrence vs. Oak., 11-30-75
t82 - Deion Sanders vs. Hou, 9-9-90 (AS)
t81 - Rolland Lawrence vs. SD, 10-21-73
t77 - Lee Calland vs. Baltimore, 9-17-67
74 - Vinnie Clark vs. TB, 10-9-94
t73 - Jimmy Burson vs. SF, 12-15-68 (AS)
t72 - Rick Byas vs. NO, 11-20-77
t71 - Alton Montgomery vs. Carolina, 9-3-95
t65 - Tom Hayes vs. NO, 9-16-73
t62 - Bob Riggle vs. Minnesota, 12-4-66
t61 - Deion Sanders vs. Dal., 12-30-90 (AS)

LONG PUNT RETURNS (50 YARDS OR MORE)

t79 - Deion Sanders vs. Cin, 10-28-90 (AS)
t77 - Tom McCauley vs. NO, 10-25-70 (AS)
t75 - John Mallory vs. Minn, 12-20-70 (AS)
t72 - Gerald Tinker vs. NO, 9-29-74
t71 - Billy Johnson vs. N.Y. Jets, 10-23-83
71 - Billy Johnson vs. Rams, 11-21-82 (AS)
t68 - Deion Sanders vs. Rams, 9-10-89 (AS)
t66 - Eric Metcalf at St. L. Rams, 10-12-95
60 - Dennis Pearson vs. Detroit, 9-23-79
68 - Lew Barnes vs. Phil, 10-30-88
57 - Ray Brown vs. Philadelphia, 11-11-73
57 - Al Dodd vs. Chicago, 10-13-74 (AS)
56 - Kenny Johnson vs. Chi, 9-23-80 (AS)
51 - Tony Smith vs. Tampa Bay, 10-31-93

LONG KICKOFF RETURNS (50 YARDS OR MORE)

t100 -Deion Sanders vs. SF, 10-13-91
t100 -Dennis Pearson vs. Cards, 12-17-78
t99 - Byron Hanspard at S.D., 12-7-97
t99 - Deion Sanders vs. Wash, 9-13-92
t99 - Ron Smith vs. Baltimore, 9-17-67
t97 - Tony Smith vs. Pitt, 9-27-93 (GD)
t97 - Sylvester Stamps vs. SF, 12-20-87
t94 - Cliff Austin vs. NO, 10-20-85 (AS)
t93 - Byron Hanspard at Sea, 11-30-97
82 - Jim Butler vs. GB, 11-22-71 (AS)
80 - Ron Smith vs. Chicago, 11-27-66
t76 - Keith Jones vs. Dallas, 12-30-90 (AS)
74 - Sylvester Stamps vs. Hou, 10-25-87
t73 - Deion Sanders vs. Buffalo, 11-22-92
72 - Deion Sanders vs. NO, 10-29-89
71 - Joe McIntosh vs. Rams, 10-18-87 (AS)
69 - Clarence Verdin at NO, 11-13-94
66 - Larry Emery vs. Cards, 11-29-87 (AS)
62 - Tony Smith vs. NO, 10-24-93
61 - Jim Butler vs. Wash, 11-23-69
60 - Deion Sanders vs. NE, 10-15-89
60 - Deion Sanders vs. NO, 12-8-92
60 - Tony Smith vs. Rams, 11-1-92 (GD)
59 - Gerald Tinker vs. SF, 9-22-74 (AS)
58 - Clarence Verdin vs. SD, 11-6-94
58 - Willie Belton vs. Cleveland, 10-31-71
55 - Eric Metcalf vs. Philadelphia, 9-22-96
55 - Deion Sanders vs. Chicago, 9-27-92
52 - Clarence Verdin vs. NO, 12-11-94
51 - Clarence Verdin vs. SF, 10-16-94
50 - Roell Preston at Cincinnati, 11-24-96
50 - Sylvester Stamps vs. Pitt, 10-28-84
50 - Deion Sanders vs. Rams, 12-23-90 (AS)
50 - Deion Sanders vs. NO, 12-3-92

LONG FUMBLE RETURNS (50 YARDS OR MORE)

t91 - Bob Glazebrook vs. Giants, 9-12-82
t75 - Oliver Barnett vs. TB, 11-17-91 (AS)
t74 - Jim Weatherford vs. SF, 10-19-69
t69 - Jessie Tuggle vs. NO, 12-3-92
t65 - James Britt vs. L.A. Rams, 10-26-86
t65 - Jessie Tuggle vs. Hou, 9-9-90 (AS)
t64 - Blane Gaison vs. SF, 11-20-83 (AS)
t60 - Tom Hayes vs. Oakland, 12-5-71 (AS)
t57 - Joel Williams vs. GB, 9-13-81
t50 - Jim Mitchell vs. NO, 10-5-75 (AS)

Falcons Add Experience to Roster in '98

Among the experienced Falcons free agent signings this year are (from left to right): S Eugene Robinson, QB Mark Rypien, G Matt Elliott, WR Keith Crawford, and C Dave Widell.

SCORING

Year	Player	TD	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	TP
1966	Lou Kirouac	0	19	24	9	18	46
1967	Wade Traynham	0	22	22	7	18	43
1968	Bob Etter	0	17	19	11	21	50
1969	Bob Etter	0	33	33	15	30	78
1970	Kenny Vinyard	0	23	26	9	25	50
1971	Bill Bell	0	29	33	13	21	68
1972	Bill Bell	0	31	31	16	30	79
1973	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	34	34	26	**38**	112
1974	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	12	12	9	16	39
1975	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	30	33	4	10	42
1976	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	19	19	10	21	49
1977	Haskel Stanback	6	00	00	00	00	36
1978	Tim Mazzetti	0	18	18	13	16	57
1979	Tim Mazzetti	0	31	37	13	25	70
1980	Tim Mazzetti	0	**45**	**49**	19	27	102
1981	Mick Luckhurst	0	51	51	21	33	114
1982	Mick Luckhurst	0	21	22	10	14	51
1983	Mick Luckhurst	0	43	45	17	22	94
1984	Mick Luckhurst	0	31	31	20	27	91
1985	Mick Luckhurst	0	29	29	24	31	101
1986	Mick Luckhurst	0	21	21	14	24	63
1987	Mick Luckhurst	0	17	17	9	13	44
1988	Greg Davis	0	25	27	19	30	82
1989	Paul McFadden	0	18	18	15	20	63
1990	Greg Davis	0	40	40	22	33	106
1991	Norm Johnson	0	38	39	19	23	95
1992	Norm Johnson	0	39	39	18	22	93
1993	Norm Johnson	0	34	34	26	27	112
1994	Norm Johnson	0	32	32	21	25	95
1995	Morten Andersen	0	29	30	**31**	37	**122**
1996	Morten Andersen	0	31	31	22	29	97
1997	Morten Andersen	0	35	35	23	27	104

PASSING

(minimum - 100 ATT)

Year	Player	ATT.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
1966	Randy Johnson	295	129	43.7	1,795	12	21
1967	Randy Johnson	288	142	49.3	1,620	10	21
1968	Bob Berry	153	81	52.9	1,433	7	13
1969	Bob Berry	169	71	57.3	1,087	10	2
1970	Bob Berry	269	156	58.0	1,806	16	13
1971	Bob Berry	226	136	60.2	2,005	11	16
1972	Bob Berry	277	154	55.6	2,158	13	12
1973	Bob Lee	230	120	52.2	1,786	10	8
1974	Bob Lee	172	78	45.3	852	3	14
1975	Steve Bartkowski	255	115	45.1	1,662	13	15
1976	Steve Bartkowski	120	57	47.5	677	2	9
1977	Scott Hunter	151	70	46.4	898	2	3
1978	Steve Bartkowski	369	187	50.7	2,489	10	18
1979	Steve Bartkowski	379	203	53.6	2,502	17	20
1980	Steve Bartkowski	463	257	55.5	3,544	**31**	16
1981	Steve Bartkowski	533	297	55.7	3,830	30	**23**
1982	Steve Bartkowski	262	166	63.4	1,905	8	11
1983	Steve Bartkowski	432	274	63.4	3,167	22	5
1984	Steve Bartkowski	269	181	**67.3**	2,158	11	10
1985	Dave Archer	312	161	51.6	1,992	7	17
1986	Dave Archer	294	150	51.0	2,007	10	9
1987	Scott Campbell	260	136	52.3	1,728	11	14
1988	Chris Miller	351	184	52.4	2,133	11	12

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1989	Chris Miller	526	280	53.2	3,459	16	10
1990	Chris Miller	388	222	57.2	2,735	17	14
1991	Chris Miller	413	220	53.3	3,103	26	18
1992	Chris Miller	253	152	60.1	1,739	15	6
1993	Bobby Hebert	430	263	61.2	2,978	24	17
1994	Jeff George	524	322	61.5	3,734	23	18
1995	Jeff George	**557**	**336**	60.3	**4,143**	24	11
1996	Bobby Hebert	488	294	60.2	3,152	22	25
1997	Chris Chandler	342	202	59.1	2,692	20	7

RUSHING

Year	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Junior Coffey	199	722	3.6	37	4
1967	Junior Coffey	180	722	4.0	20t	4
1968	Jim Butler	94	365	3.9	60t	2
1969	Jim Butler	163	655	4.0	39	3
1970	Jim Butler	166	636	3.8	33	0
1971	Jim Butler	186	594	3.2	19	2
1972	Dave Hampton	230	995	4.3	56t	6
1973	Dave Hampton	263	997	3.8	25	3
1974	Dave Hampton	127	464	3.7	34	2
1975	Dave Hampton	250	1,002	4.0	22	5
1976	Bubba Bean	124	428	3.5	30	2
1977	Haskel Stanback	247	873	3.4	35	6
1978	Bubba Bean	193	707	3.7	25	3
1979	William Andrews	239	1,023	4.3	23	2
1980	William Andrews	265	1,308	**4.9**	33	4
1981	William Andrews	289	1,301	4.5	29	10
1982	William Andrews	139	573	4.1	19t	5
1983	William Andrews	331	1,567	4.7	27	7
1984	Gerald Riggs	**353**	1,486	4.2	57	**13**
1985	Gerald Riggs	297	**1,719**	4.3	50	10
1986	Gerald Riggs	343	1,327	3.9	31	9
1987	Gerald Riggs	203	875	4.3	44	2
1988	John Settle	232	1,024	4.4	62	7
1989	John Settle	179	689	3.8	20	3
1990	Mike Rozier	153	675	4.4	67	4
1991	Steve Broussard	99	449	4.5	36	4
1992	Steve Broussard	84	363	4.3	27	1
1993	Erric Pegram	292	1,185	4.1	29	3
1994	Craig Heyward	183	779	4.3	17	7
1995	Craig Heyward	236	1,083	4.6	31	6
1996	Jamal Anderson	232	1,055	4.5	32t	5
1997	Jamal Anderson	290	1,002	3.5	39	7

RECEIVING

Year	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Alex Hawkins	44	661	15.0	42	2
1967	Tommy McDonald	33	436	13.2	75	4
1968	Jerry Simmons	28	479	17.1	61	0
1969	Paul Flatley	45	834	18.5	71	6
1970	Jim Mitchell	44	650	14.8	51	6
1971	Art Malone	34	380	11.2	46	2
	Ken Burrow	33	741	**22.5**	84	6
1972	Art Malone	50	585	11.7	57	2
1973	Jim Mitchell	32	420	13.1	50	0
	Ken Burrow	31	567	18.3	57	7
1974	Ken Burrow	34	545	16.0	48	1
1975	Alfred Jenkins	38	767	20.2	68	6
1976	Alfred Jenkins	41	710	17.3	34	6
1977	Alfred Jenkins	39	677	17.4	73	4

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1978	Wallace Francis	45	695	15.4	54	3
	Billy Ryckman	45	679	15.1	59	2
1979	Wallace Francis	74	1,013	13.7	42	8
1980	Alfred Jenkins	57	1,025	18.0	57	6
1981	William Andrews	81	736	9.1	70	2
	Alfred Jenkins	70	**1,358**	19.4	67	13
1982	William Andrews	42	503	12.0	86t	2
1983	Billy Johnson	64	709	11.1	47t	4
	Stacey Bailey	55	881	16.0	53	6
1984	Stacey Bailey	67	1,138	17.0	61	6
1985	Billy Johnson	62	830	13.4	62t	5
1986	Charlie Brown	63	918	14.6	42	4
1987	Floyd Dixon	36	600	16.7	51t	5
1988	John Settle	68	570	8.4	27	1
1989	Shawn Collins	58	862	14.9	47	3
1990	Andre Rison	82	1,208	14.7	75t	10
1991	Andre Rison	81	976	12.0	39t	12
	Michael Haynes	50	1,122	22.4	80t	11
1992	Andre Rison	93	1,121	12.1	71t	11
	Mike Pritchard	77	827	10.7	38	5
1993	Andre Rison	86	1,242	14.4	53t	**15**
	Mike Pritchard	74	736	9.9	34	7
	Michael Haynes	72	778	10.8	**98**	4
1994	Terance Mathis	**111**	1,342	12.1	81	11
	Andre Rison	81	1,088	13.4	69t	8
1995	Eric Metcalf	104	1,189	11.4	62t	8
	Terance Mathis	78	1,039	13.3	54t	9
	Bert Emanuel	74	1,039	14.0	52	5
1996	Bert Emanuel	75	921	12.3	53	6
	Terance Mathis	69	771	11.2	55	7
1997	Bert Emanuel	65	991	15.2	56	9
	Terance Mathis	62	802	12.9	49	6

INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Jerry Richardson	5	68	13.6	20	0
1967	Ken Reaves	7	153	21.9	42	0
1968	Jim Burson	4	100	25.0	73t	1
1969	Rudy Redmond	5	50	10.0	32	0
1970	Ken Reaves	6	44	7.3	28	0
1971	Ken Reaves	6	43	7.2	31	0
1972	Tom Hayes	5	10	2.0	8	0
1973	Ray Brown	6	99	16.5	24	0
1974	Ray Brown	8	164	20.5	59t	1
1975	Rolland Lawrence	9	163	18.1	87t	1
1976	Rolland Lawrence	6	43	7.2	22	0
1977	Rolland Lawrence	7	138	19.7	36	0
1978	Rolland Lawrence	6	76	12.7	44	0
1979	Rolland Lawrence	6	120	20.0	38	0
1980	Al Richardson	7	139	19.9	52	0
1981	Tom Pridemore	7	**221**	31.6	**101t**	1
1982	Kenny Johnson	2	30	15.0	30	0
	Fulton Kuykendall	2	22	11.0	22	0
	Bobby Butler	2	0	0.0	0	0
1983	Tom Pridemore	4	56	14.0	25	0
	Bobby Butler	4	12	3.0	12	0
1984	Kenny Johnson	5	75	15.0	28	0
1985	Bobby Butler	5	-4	-0.8	0	0
1986	Bret Clark	5	94	18.8	34	0
1987	Bobby Butler	4	48	12.0	31	0

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1988	Scott Case	10	47	4.7	12	0
1989	Deion Sanders	5	52	10.4	22	0
1990	Deion Sanders	3	153	51.0	61t	2
	(5 players each had three interceptions)					
1991	Deion Sanders	6	119	19.8	55t	1
	Tim McKyer	6	24	4.0	24	0
1992	Deion Sanders	3	105	35.0	55	0
1993	Deion Sanders	7	91	13.0	41	0
1994	D.J. Johnson	5	0	0.0	0	0
1995	Jessie Tuggle	3	84	28.0	49	1
	Kevin Ross	3	70	23.3	33	0
	Terry Taylor	3	31	10.3	31	0
1996	Brad Edwards	2	15	7.5	15	0
1997	Ray Buchanan	5	49	9.8	31	0
	Ronnie Bradford	4	9	2.3	9	0

PUNTING
(minimum - 16 punts)

Year	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	Blkd.
1966	Billy Lothridge	73	2,968	40.7	60	0
1967	Billy Lothridge	87	3,801	43.7	62	0
1968	Billy Lothridge	75	3,324	44.3	70	0
1969	Billy Lothridge	69	2,846	41.2	57	0
1970	Billy Lothridge	76	2,944	38.7	59	0
1971	Billy Lothridge	44	1,639	37.3	58	1
1972	John James	61	2,609	42.8	59	0
1973	John James	63	2,682	42.6	72	0
1974	John James	96	3,891	40.5	61	1
1975	John James	89	3,696	41.5	75	0
1976	John James	101	4,253	42.1	67	0
1977	John James	105	4,349	41.4	61	0
1978	John James	109	4,227	38.8	57	1
1979	John James	83	3,269	39.7	62	1
1980	John James	79	3,088	39.1	59	0
1981	John James	87	3,543	40.7	62	0
1982	George Roberts	17	690	40.6	54	0
1983	Ralph Giacomarro	70	2,823	40.3	57	1
1984	Ralph Giacomarro	68	2,855	42.0	58	2
1985	Rick Donnelly	59	2,574	43.6	68	0
1986	Rick Donnelly	78	3,421	43.9	71	1
1987	Rick Donnelly	61	2,686	44.0	62	0
1988	Rick Donnelly	98	3,920	40.0	61	0
1989	Scott Fulhage	84	3,472	41.3	65	1
1990	Scott Fulhage	70	2,913	41.6	59	0
1991	Scott Fulhage	81	3,470	42.8	60	0
1992	Scott Fulhage	68	2,818	41.4	56	3
1993	Harold Alexander	72	3,114	43.3	75	0
1994	Harold Alexander	71	2,836	39.9	61	0
1995	Dan Stryzinski	67	2,759	41.2	64	0
1996	Dan Stryzinski	75	3,152	42.0	58	0
1997	Dan Stryzinski	89	3,498	39.3	57	0

PUNT RETURNS
(minimum - 10 returns)

Year	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Ron Smith	11	80	7.3	23	0
1967	Ron Smith	20	92	4.6	26	0
1968	Jim Burson	11	56	5.1	17	0
1969	John Mallory	13	42	3.2	15	0
1970	John Mallory	17	203	11.9	75t	1
1971	Willie Belton	30	163	5.4	32	0

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1972 ..... Willie Belton	17	110	6.5	34	0
1973 ..... Ray Brown	40	360	9.0	57	0
1974 ..... Al Dodd	27	344	**12.7**	57	0
1975 ..... Mack Herron	10	94	9.4	24	0
1976 ..... Rolland Lawrence	**54**	376	7.0	24	0
1977 ..... Rolland Lawrence	51	352	6.9	37	0
1978 ..... Billy Ryckman	28	227	8.1	38	0
1979 ..... Dennis Pearson	12	115	9.6	60	0
1980 ..... Kenny Johnson	23	281	12.2	56	0
1981 ..... Scott Woerner	33	278	8.4	38	0
1982 ..... Billy Johnson	24	273	11.4	71	0
1983 ..... Billy Johnson	46	**489**	10.6	71t	1
1984 ..... Billy Johnson	15	152	10.1	37	0
1985 ..... Anthony Allen	21	141	6.7	19	0
1986 ..... Floyd Dixon	26	151	5.8	16	0
1987 ..... Billy Johnson	21	168	8.0	45	0
1988 ..... Lew Barnes	34	307	9.0	68	0
1989 ..... Deion Sanders	28	307	11.0	68t	1
1990 ..... Deion Sanders	29	250	8.6	**79t**	1
1991 ..... Deion Sanders	21	170	8.1	23	0
1992 ..... Tony Smith	16	155	9.7	45	0
1993 ..... Tony Smith	32	255	8.0	51	0
1994 ..... Clarence Verdin	23	113	4.9	29	0
1995 ..... Eric Metcalf	39	383	9.8	66t	1
1996 ..... Eric Metcalf	27	296	11.0	39	0
1997 ..... Todd Kinchen	52	446	8.6	38	0

KICKOFF RETURNS
(minimum - 10 returns)

Year	Player	No	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Ron Smith	43	1,013	23.6	80	0
1967	Ron Smith	39	976	25.0	99t	1
1968	Jim Butler	37	799	21.6	42	0
1969	Charlie Bryant	21	407	19.4	39	0
1970	Jim Butler	14	284	20.3	29	0
1971	Willie Belton	28	706	25.2	58	0
1972	Dave Hampton	25	535	21.0	52	0
1973	Joe Washington	20	432	21.6	30	0
1974	Gerald Tinker	29	704	24.3	59	0
1975	Gerald Tinker	13	307	23.6	33	0
1976	Rolland Lawrence	21	521	24.8	36	0
1977	Karl Farmer	23	466	20.3	30	0
1978	Dennis Pearson	25	662	**26.7**	**100t**	1
1979	Dennis Pearson	30	577	19.2	29	0
1980	Reggie Smith	25	512	20.5	35	0
1981	Reggie Smith	**47**	**1,143**	24.3	52	0
1982	Reggie Brown	24	466	19.4	33	0
1983	Kenny Johnson	11	224	20.4	28	0
1984	Sylvester Stamps	19	452	23.8	50	0
1985	Cliff Austin	39	838	21.5	94t	1
1986	Sylvester Stamps	24	514	21.4	35	0
1987	Sylvester Stamps	24	660	27.5	97t	1
1988	Evan Cooper	16	331	20.7	28	0
1989	Deion Sanders	35	725	20.7	72	0
1990	Deion Sanders	39	851	21.8	50	0
1991	Deion Sanders	26	576	22.2	**100t**	1
1992	Deion Sanders	40	1,067	**26.7**	99t	**2**
1993	Tony Smith	38	948	24.9	97t	1
1994	Clarence Verdin	44	1,026	23.3	69	0
1995	Roell Preston	30	627	20.9	44	0
1996	Eric Metcalf	49	1,034	21.1	55	0
1997	Byron Hanspard	40	987	24.7	99t	**2**

YEARLY LEADERS

TACKLES

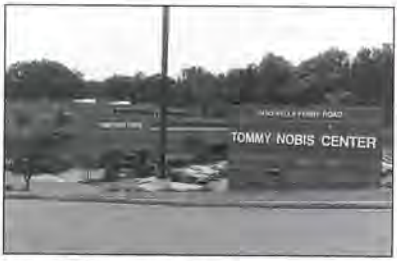
Year	Name	Total Tackles
1966	Tommy Nobis (173 solo)	296
1972	Greg Brezina (80 solo)	130
1973	Greg Brezina (89 solo)	135
1974	Tommy Nobis (121 solo)	183
1975	Tommy Nobis (91 solo)	115
1978	Fulton Kuykendall (98 solo)	284
1980	Buddy Curry (80 solo)	145
1981	Buddy Curry (107 solo)	135
1982	Buddy Curry (38 solo)	61
1983	Buddy Curry (127 solo)	229
1984	Rick Bryan (78 solo)	125
1985	Buddy Curry (82 solo)	137
1986	Buddy Curry (84 solo)	157
1987	John Rade (55 solo)	123
1988	John Rade (67 solo)	137
1989	Jessie Tuggle (112 solo)	183
1990	Jessie Tuggle (99 solo)	201
1991	Jessie Tuggle (106 solo)	207
1992	Jessie Tuggle (90 solo)	193
1993	Jessie Tuggle (120 solo)	185
1994	Jessie Tuggle (111 solo)	195
1995	Jessie Tuggle (126 solo)	180
1996	Jessie Tuggle (108 solo)	184
1997	Jessie Tuggle (123 solo)	123

Missing following years (1967-71, '76-77, '79, '81)

SACKS

Year	Name	No.
1971	ClaudeHumphrey	12.0
1972	John Zook	6.5
1973	Claude Humphrey	10.0
1974	Claude Humphrey	12.5
1975	John Zook	10.0
1976	Claude Humphrey	15.0
1977	Jeff Merrow	10.0
1978	Greg Brezina	9.0
1979	Don Smith	9.0
1980	Joel Williams	16.0
1981	Al Richardson	10.0
1982	Don Smith	3.5
1983	Mike Pitts	7.0
1984	Don Smith	6.5
1985	Rick Bryan	7.5
1986	Rick Bryan	7.0
1987	Robert Moore	4.0
1988	Aundray Bruce	6.0
1989	Marcus Cotton	9.0
1990	Tim Green	6.0
1991	Tim Green	5.0
1992	Darion Conner	7.0
1993	Pierce Holt	6.5
1994	Chuck Smith	11.0
1995	Chris Doleman	9.0
1996	Clay Matthews	6.5
1997	Chuck Smith	12.0

Missing following years (1966-70)



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Nobis (left) has helped bring smiles to the lives of many at his center since 1977.

Nobis Center Trains Disabled to Find Jobs

In 1997, Tommy Nobis celebrated the 20th anniversary of The Tommy Nobis Center, a comprehensive vocational facility in Marietta, Ga., that enables individuals with disabilities to return to employment and enjoy a productive lifestyle.

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–Tommy Nobis

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Longest Rush

By Falcons

17 yards, Mick Luckhurst at Minn., 1-9-83
16 yards, Gerald Riggs at Minn., 1-9-83

Vs. Falcons

21 yards, Scott Laidlaw at Dallas, 12-30-78
18 yards, Robert Newhouse vs Dallas 1-4-81

Most Points Scored by Team

By Falcons

27 at New Orleans, 12-28-91
27 vs. Dallas, 1-4-81
24 vs. Minnesota, 1-9-83

Vs. Falcons

37 at Green Bay, 12-31-95
30 at Minnesota, 1-9-83
30 vs. Dallas, 1-4-81

Most Combined Points Scored by Both Teams

57 - (Dallas 30, Atlanta 27), 1-4-81
57 - (Green Bay 37, Atlanta 20), 12-31-95

Longest Pass

By Falcons

65t yards, QB Jeff George at Green Bay, 12-31-95
61t yards, QB Chris Miller at New Orleans, 12-28-91
60t yards, QB Steve Bartkowski vs Dallas, 1-4-81
55 yards, QB Jeff George at Green Bay, 12-31-95

Vs. Falcons

39 yards, QB Roger Staubach at Dallas, 12-30-78
36t yards, QB Tommy Kramer at Minn., 1-9-83
34 yards, QB Danny White vs Dallas, 1-4-81

Longest Reception

By Falcons

65t yards, WR Eric Metcalf at Green Bay, 12-31-95
61t yards, WR Michael Haynes at NO, 12-28-91
60t yards, WR Alfred Jenkins vs Dallas, 1-4-81
55 yards, WR Terance Mathis at GB, 12-31-95

Vs. Falcons

39 yards, WR Drew Pearson at Dallas, 12-30-78
36t yards, WR Sammy White at Minn, 1-9-83
34 yards, RB Preston Pearson vs Dallas, 1-4-81

Most Receiving Yards by Individual

By Falcons

155 yards, WR Alfred Jenkins vs Dallas, 1-4-81
144 yards, WR Miichael Haynes at N.O., 12-28-91
135 yards, WR Wallace Francis vs Phil., 12-24-78
114 yards, WR Eric Metcalf at Green Bay, 12-31-95
93 yards, WR Terance Mathis at GB, 12-31-95

Vs. Falcons

108 yards, WR Charles Smith vs Phil, 12-24-78
90 yards, WR Drew Pearson vs Dallas, 1-4-81

Longest Field Goal

By Falcons

44 yards, K Norm Johnson at NO, 12-28-91
42 yards, K Tim Mazzetti at Dallas, 12-30-78

Vs. Falcons

48 yards, K Rafael Septien at Dallas, 12-30-78
45 yards, K Chip Lohmiller at Wash., 1-3-92
45 yards, K Morten Andersen at N.O., 12-28-91

Most Yards Rushing

By Falcons

72 yards, Bubba Bean at Dallas, 12-20-78
62 yards, Haskel Stanback vs Dallas 1-4-81

Vs. Falcons

108 yards, Edgar Bennett at Green Bay 12-31-95
81 yards, Ted Brown at Minn., 1-9-83

Most Rushes

By Falcons

17, RB Bubba Bean at Dallas, 12-30-78
16, RB Haskel Stanback vs Phil., 12-24-78

Vs. Falcons

24, RB Edgar Bennett at Green Bay, 12-31-95
23, RB Ricky Ervins at Washington, 1-4-92
23, RB Ted Brown at Minnesota, 1-9-83

Most Receptions

By Falcons

8, WR Eric Metcalf at Green Bay, 12-31-95
7, WR Andre Rison at Washington, 1-4-92
6, WR Wallace Francis at Dallas, 12-30-78
6, WR Wallace Francis vs Dallas 1-4-81
6, WR Wallace Francis vs Phil., 12-24-78
6, WR Michael Haynes at N.O., 12-28-91
6, WR JJ Birden at Green Bay, 12-31-95
6, WR Bert Emanuel at Green Bay, 12-31-95

Vs. Falcons

7, WR Eric Martin, at New Orleans, 12-28-91
7, WR Charles Smith vs Philadelphia, 12-24-78
7, WR Robert Brooks at Green Bay, 12-31-95

Most Pass Attempts

By Falcons

54, QB Jeff George at Green Bay, 12-31-95
33, QB Steve Bartkowski vs Dallas, 1-4-81

Vs. Falcons

44, QB Bobby Hebert at New Orleans, 12-28-91
39, QB Danny White vs Dallas, 1-4-81

Most Pass Completions

By Falcons

30, QB Jeff George at Green Bay, 12-31-95
18, QB Chris Miller at New Orleans, 12-28-91
18, QB Steve Bartkowski at Dallas, 1-4-81
18, QB Steve Bartkowski vs Philadelphia, 12-24-78

Vs. Falcons

26, QB Bobby Hebert at New Orleans, 12-28-91
25, QB Danny White vs Dallas, 1-4-81
24, QB Brett Favre at Green Bay, 12-31-95

Most Total Yards Gained

By Falcons

360 yards, at Green Bay, 12-31-95
349 yards, vs Dallas, 1-4-81
334 yards, vs New Orleans, 12-28-91

Vs. Falcons

422 yards, vs Dallas, 1-4-81
378 yards, at Minnesota, 1-9-83
369 yards, vs Dallas, 12-30-78

Most Rushing Yards, Team

By Falcons

164 yards, at Dallas, 12-30-78
120 yards, at Minnesota, 1-9-83

Vs. Falcons

162 yards, at Washington, 1-4-92
148 yards, at Dallas, 12-30-78

Most Rushing Touchdowns

By Falcons

1, Four times, Last time at Wash., 1-4-92

Vs. Falcons

3, at Washington, 1-4-92
2, at Dallas, 12-30-78

Most Passing Yards

By Falcons

366 yards, QB Jeff George at Green Bay, 12-31-95
320 yards, QB Steve Bartkowski vs. Dallas, 1-4-81

Vs. Falcons

322 yards, QB Danny White vs. Dallas, 1-4-81
273 yards, QB Bobby Hebert at N.O., 12-28-91

Most Passing Touchdowns

By Falcons

3, QB Chris Miller at New Orleans, 12-28-91
2, QB Jeff George at Green Bay, 12-31-95
2, QB Steve Bartkowski vs Dallas, 1-4-81
2, QB Steve Bartkowski vs Phil., 12-24-78

Vs. Falcons

3, QB Danny White vs. Dallas, 1-4-81
3, QB Brett Favre at Green Bay, 12-31-95

Most Interceptions

By Falcons

4, QB Chris Miller at Washington, 1-4-92
3, QB Steve Bartkowski at Dallas 12-30-78

Vs. Falcons

2, QB Bobby Hebert at New Orleans, 12-28-91
1, Four times, Last Mark Rypien at Wash., 1-4-92

Most First Downs

By Falcons

20, at New Orleans, 12-28-91
18, at Green Bay, 12-31-95
18, vs Dallas, 1-4-81

Vs. Falcons

26, at Dallas, 12-30-78
24, at Minnesota, 1-9-83

Most Field Goals

By Falcons

2, at Green Bay, 12-31-95
2, at New Orleans, 12-28-91
2, vs. Dallas, 1-4-81
2, at Dallas, 12-30-78

Vs. Falcons

3, at Minnesota, 1-9-83

Blocked Field Goals

By Falcons

NEVER

Vs. Falcons

1, at New Orleans, 12-28-91

Returns for Touchdowns

By Falcons

35 yard INT, S Bob Glazebrook, at Minn, 1-9-83
0 yard Fumble, DE Doug Rogers, at Minn, 1-9-83

Vs. Falcons

76 yard Punt, WR Antonio Freeman, at GB, 12-31-95

Longest Interception Return

By Falcons

35t yards, S Bob Glazebrook at Minnesota, 1-9-83
31 yards, CB Deion Sanders at N.O., 12-28-91

Vs. Falcons

30 yards, FS George Teague at GB, 12-31-95
29 yards, CB Bob Howard vs. Phil, 12-28-78

Longest Kickoff Return

By Falcons

39 yards, Reggie Smith vs. Dallas, 1-4-81
36 yards, Dennis Pearson at Dallas, 12-30-78

Vs. Falcons

42 yards, Antonio Freeman at GB, 12-31-95
39 yards, Fred McAfee at New Orleans, 12-28-91

Longest Punt Return

By Falcons

22 yards, Deion Sanders at New Orleans, 12-28-91

Vs. Falcons

76 yards, Antonio Freeman, at GB 12-31-95

Most Tackles (from Play-by-Play)

By Falcons

10, Fulton Kuykendall at Minn., 1-9-83
10, Kenny Johnson vs Dallas, 1-4-81
9, Brian Jordan at Washington, 1-3-92

Most QB Sacks, Game

By Falcons

1.5, Jeff Yeates vs Philadelphia, 12-24-78
1.0, Tim Green at New Orleans, 12-28-91
1.0, Greg Brezina vs Philadelphia, 12-24-78
1.0, Fulton Kuykendall vs Dallas, 12-30-78
1.0, Jeff Yeates at Dallas, 1-4-81
1.0, Chris Doleman at Green Bay, 12-31-95

Most Interceptions, Game

By Falcons

1, Brian Jordan at Washington, 1-3-92
1, Deion Sanders at New Orleans, 12-28-91
1, Tim McKyer at New Orleans, 12-28-91
1, Bob Glazebrook at Minnesota, 1-9-83
1, Rolland Lawrence at Dallas, 12-30-78

Most Punts

By Falcons

7, John James vs Philadelphia, 12-24-78

Vs. Falcons

9, Mike Michel vs Philadelphia, 12-24-78

Best Punting Average

By Falcons

42.6, George Roberts (5-213) at Minn., 1-9-83

Vs. Atlanta

54.0, Tommy Barnhardt (3-162) at N.O., 12-28-91

Longest Punt

By Atlanta

54 yards, George Roberts at Minn., 1-9-83

Vs. Atlanta

56 yards, Tommy Barnhardt at N.O., 12-28-91

Most Penalties

By Falcons

7-98, at Miinnesota, 1-9-83
7-69, at Dallas, 12-30-78

Vs. Falcons

10-84, at Minnesota, 1-9-83

Time of Possesion

By Atlanta

29:45 vs Philadelphia, 12-24-78
29:45 at Dallas, 1-4-81

Vs. Atlanta

38:43 at Minnesota, 1-9-83
36:08 at Washington, 1-3-92

Most Takeaways

By Atlanta

4, at Dallas, 12-30-78
3, at New Orleans, 12-28-91

Most Turnovers

By Atlanta

6, at Washington, 1-3-92
5, vs Philadelphia, 12-24-78

Attendance

Home

60,022 vs Dallas 1-4-81

Away

68,794 at New Orleans, 12-28-91
60,650 at Minnesota, 1-9-83
60,453 at Green Bay, 12-31-95

OVERTIME FINISHES

Franchise Record: 7-9-1 - *The Falcons have won five of their last seven OT games*

1995: **Arizona 40, Atlanta 37** — A 28-yard FG by Arizona's Greg Davis ended a mistake-plagued game for the Falcons, who turned ball over four times.

Atlanta 27, New Orleans 24 — Morten Andersen booted the game-winner from 21 yards out in his first return to New Orleans as a Falcon.

Atlanta 23, Carolina 20 — Morten Andersen's 35-yard FG defeated the Panthers in their first regular-season game in franchise history.

1994: **Detroit 31, Atlanta 28** — Jason Hanson's 37-yard overtime FG defeated the Falcons, who missed a game-winning 52-yard FG attempt with one second remaining in regulation.

1991: **Atlanta 23, New Orleans 20** — Norm Johnson's 50-yard FG with 2:37 remaining sealed victory.

1986: **Atlanta 23, Tampa Bay 20** — Mick Luckhurst's 34-yard FG as time expired set up his game-winning 34-yard kick with 6:29 elapsed.

Atlanta 10, San Francisco 10 — Sylvester Stamps raced 39 yards with a Dave Archer pass, tying the game with 1:27 remaining. But neither team was able to score, creating the first OT tie in Falcon history.

1985: **Philadelphia 23, Atlanta 17** — Mick Quick hauled in a 99-yard TD pass from Ron Jaworski for the win.

1984: **Detroit 27, Atlanta 24** — Eddie Murray booted a 48-yard field goal after the Lions won the coin toss.

1983: **Atlanta 47, Green Bay 41** — Kenny Johnson intercepted a Lynn Dickey pass, returning it 31 yards for the winning score.

New York Giants 16, Atlanta 13 — Ali Haji-Sheikh kicked the game-winning 30-yard field goal.

1981: **New York Giants 27, Atlanta 24** — Joe Danelo booted a 40-yard field goal after Atlanta fumbled on the first play of its second possession.

1980: **Atlanta 33, St. Louis 27** — Ray Strong rambled 21 yards for TD 4:42 into overtime.

Los Angeles Rams 20, Atlanta 17 — Frank Carrol kicked a 23-yard field goal following a sack and fumble by Steve Bartkowski.

1979: **Atlanta 40, New Orleans 34** — James Mayberry caught a desperation pass by NO punter Russell Erxleben, who had chased errant snap into end zone.

Denver 20, Atlanta 17 — Jim Turner kicked the game-winning 24-yard FG after Tim Mazzetti missed a 31-yarder with 22 seconds left in regulation.

1975: **Oakland 37, Atlanta 34** — George Blanda connects on a 36-yard field goal with just two seconds remaining in overtime.

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

FALCON PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1966 Tommy Nobis, LB
1967 Junior Coffey, RB
1968 Tommy Nobis, LB
1969 Jim Butler, RB
1970 Jim Mitchell, TE
1971 Don Hansen, LB
1972 Dave Hampton, RB
1973 Bob Lee, QB
1974 Ray Brown, S
1975 Dave Hampton, RB
1976 Claude Humphrey, DE
1977 Rolland Lawrence, DB
1978 Greg Brezina, LB
1979 Wallace Francis, WR
1980 Steve Bartkowski, QB
1981 William Andrews, RB
1982 Fulton Kuykendall, LB
1983 William Andrews, RB
1984 Gerald Riggs, RB
1985 Gerald Riggs, RB
1986 Bill Fralic, OG
1987 Bill Fralic, OG
1988 John Settle, RB
1989 Chris Miller, QB
1990 Andre Rison, WR
1991 Deion Sanders, CB
1992 Deion Sanders, CB/KR
1993 Andre Rison, WR
1994 Terance Mathis, WR
1995 Morten Andersen, K
1996 Jamal Anderson, RB
1997 Jessie Tuggle, LB

Tommy Nobis

Jessie Tuggle

ALL-PRO

1967 Tommy Nobis, LB (AP, 1st team)
1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (NEA, 1st team)
1972 Claude Humphrey, DE (AP, Pro Football Weekly, Football News, NEA, Football Digest, PFWA, 1st teams)
1973 Claude Humphrey, DE (AP, Pro Football Weekly, PFWA, Football News, Computer Kickoff, 1st teams) Nick Mick-Mayer, K (Pro Football 1972 Weekly, 1st team) Mike Tilleman, DT (National Star News Service, 1st team)
1974 Claude Humphrey, DE (NEA, 1st team) Rolland Lawrence, DB (AP, PFWA, 1st teams)
1980 Mike Kenn, OT (AP, PFWA, NEA, 1st teams)
1981 Alfred Jenkins, WR (AP, PFWA, 1st teams)
1982 R.C. Thielemann, OG (AP, CPFNW, 1st team) Mike Kenn, OT (CPFNW, 1st team; AP, NEA, 2nd team) William Andrews, RB (AP, 2nd team) Jeff Van Note, C (AP, 2nd team) Joel Williams, LB (AP, 2nd team)
1983 William Andrews, RB (NEA, TSN, Football Digest 1st teams; CPFNW, 2nd team) Billy Johnson, PR (Pro Football Weekly, TSN, CPFNW, PFWA, Football Digest 1st teams; AP 2nd team) Mike Kenn, T (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team; AP, CPFNW, 2nd teams)
1986 Bill Fralic G (AP, NEA, Pro Football Weekly, Sporting News, 1st team)
1987 Bill Fralic (AP, NEA, PFWA, Sporting News, 1st team) Sylvester Stamps, KR (Sporting News)
1988 Bill Fralic (Coll. & Pro FB Newsweekly, 1st team; AP, 2nd team) Scott Case (AP, 2nd team) John Settle (Sports Illustrated)
1989 Tony Casillas (AP, 2nd team) Bill Fralic (AP, 2nd team)
1990 Andre Rison (AP, 1st team)
1991 Mike Kenn (AP, 1st team) Andre Rison (AP, 2nd team) Deion Sanders (AP, 2nd team) Jessie Tuggle (SI)
1992 Deion Sanders (AP, 1st team, returner, AP, 2nd team, CB) Andre Rison (AP, 2nd team)
1993 Deion Sanders (AP, 1st team, CB) Chris Hinton (AP 1st team) Andre Rison (AP, 2nd team) Norm Johnson (AP, 2nd team)
1994 Terance Mathis (AP, 2nd team)
1995 Morten Andersen (AP, 1st team)

ALL-NFC

1970 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, 1st team)
1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, 1st team) Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, AP, TSN, Football Digest, Football News, 1st teams) John James, P (Pro Football Weekly, Football Digest, 1st teams) Dennis Havig, OG (UPI, Football Digest, 1st team)
1973 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, AP, TSN, Pro Football Weekly, 1st teams) George Kunz, OT (UPI, Pro Football Weekly, 1st teams) Nick Mike-Mayer, K (TSN, Pro Football Weekly, AP, 1st teams)
1977 John James, P (TSN, 1st team) Rolland Lawrence, DB (UPI, 1st team)
1980 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team) Jeff Van Note, C (UPI, 1st team)
1981 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team)
1982 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team) R.C. Thielemann, OG (UPI, 1st team) William Andrews, RB (UPI, 1st team)
1983 Mike Kenn, T (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team; UPI 2nd team) Billy Johnson, PR (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team) R.C. Thielemann, G (UPI, 2nd team)
1984 Mike Kenn, T (UPI, 2nd team) Gerald Riggs, RB (UPI, 2nd team)
1986 Bill Fralic, G (UPI, Pro Football Weekly, 1st team) Rick Bryan, DE (UPI, 2nd team)
1987 Bill Fralic, G (UPI, PFWA, 1st team) Rick Donnelly, P (UPI, 2nd team)
1988 Rick Donnelly (UPI, 2nd team) Scott Case (UPI, 1st team) Bill Fralic (UPI, 1st team)
1989 Bill Fralic, G (UPI, 1st team) Tony Casillas, DL, (UPI, 2nd team)
1990 Andre Rison, WR (UPI, 1st team)
1991 Mike Kenn, T (UPI) Jessie Tuggle, LB (UPI) Deion Sanders, CB (UPI)
1993 Norm Johnson, K (UPI) Chris Hinton, T

(UPI), Deion Sanders, CB (UPI)
1994 Terance Mathis, WR (UPI, 2nd team)
Jessie Tuggle, LB (UPI, 2nd team)
1995 Morten Andersen, K (UPI, 1st team)
1996 Bob Whitfield, T (UPI, 2nd team)
1997 C. Smith, DE (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team NFC; Football Digest All-NFL team)

PRO BOWL SELECTIONS

1966	Tommy Nobis, LB
1967	Tommy Nobis, LB (2)
1968	Tommy Nobis, LB (3)
1969	Jim Butler, RB Bob Berry, QB Greg Brezina, LB Bob Etter, K George Kunz, OT Jim Mitchell, TE Ken Reaves, DB
1970	Claude Humphrey, DE George Kunz, OT (2) Tommy Nobis, LB (4)
1971	Claude Humphrey, DE (2)
1972	Tommy Nobis, LB (5) Jim Mitchell, TE (2) Claude Humphrey, DE (3)
1973	John Zook, DE Nick Mick-Mayer, K George Kunz, OT (3) Claude Humphrey, DE (4)
1974	Jeff Van Note, C Claude Humphrey, DE (5)
1975	Jeff Van Note, C (2) John James, P
1976	John James, P (2)
1977	John James, P (3) Claude Humphrey, DE (6) Rolland Lawrence, DB
1978	No Selections
1979	Jeff Van Note, C (3)
1980	Mike Kenn, OT Steve Bartkowski, QB Jeff Van Note, C (4) Alfred Jenkins, WR William Andrews, RB Junior Miller, TE
1981	Mike Kenn, OT (2) Steve Bartkowski, QB (2) Jeff Van Note, C (5) Alfred Jenkins, WR (2) William Andrews, RB (2) Junior Miller, TE (2) R.C. Thielemann, OG
1982	Mike Kenn, OT (3) R.C. Thielemann, OG (2) Jeff Van Note, C (6) William Andrews, RB (3)
1983	William Andrews, RB (4) Billy Johnson, PR Mike Kenn, T (4) R.C. Thielemann, OG (3)
1984	Mike Kenn, T (5)
1985	Gerald Riggs, RB
1986	Bill Fralic, G Gerald Riggs, RB (2)
1987	Bill Fralic, G (2) Gerald Riggs, RB (3)
1988	Bill Fralic, G (3) Scott Case, CB John Settle, RB
1989	Bill Fralic, G (4) (All NFL Team of 80's) Bill Fralic (2nd team)
1990	Andre Rison, WR
1991	Andre Rison, WR (2) Deion Sanders, CB Chris Miller, QB Chris Hinton, RT (7)
1992	Andre Rison, WR (3) Deion Sanders, CB (2) Jessie Tuggle, LB Elbert Shelley, ST
1993	Andre Rison, WR (4) Deion Sanders, CB (3) Elbert Shelley, ST (2) Norm Johnson, K (2) Bobby Hebert, QB
1994	Jessie Tuggle, LB (2) Elbert Shelley, ST (3) Terance Mathis, WR
1995	Jessie Tuggle, LB (3) Elbert Shelley, ST (4) Morten Andersen, K (7) Chris Doleman, DE (7) Craig Heyward, RB (1)
1996	No Selections
1997	LB Jessie Tuggle (4) QB Chris Chandler (1)

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Year	Home Avg.	Home Rec.	Road Avg.	Road Rec.	Total Avg	Overall
1966	52,017	1-6	49,292	2-5	50,654	3-11
1967	46,977	1-5-1	53,082	0-7	50,030	1-12-1
1968	42,501	1-6	48,985	1-6	45,743	2-12
1969	47,832	4-3	51,723	2-5	49,777	6-8
1970	51,854	3-4	57,381	1-4-2	54,617	4-8-2
1971	54,589	4-3	59,866	3-3-1	57,228	7-6-1
1972	51,974	4-3	60,033	3-4	56,004	7-7
1973	49,656	4-3	57,038	5-2	53,347	9-5
1974	37,858	2-5	55,397	1-6	46,627	3-11
1975	40,723	3-4	50,183	1-6	45,453	4-10
1976	37,874	3-4	47,831	1-6	42,853	4-10
1977	50,060	4-3	44,157	3-4	47,108	7-7
1978	54,366	7-1	46,072	2-6	50,219	9-7
1979	50,957	3-5	54,391	3-5	52,674	6-10
1980	55,182	6-2	56,444	6-2	55,813	12-4
1981	52,410	4-4	61,799	3-5	57,104	7-9
1982	43,530	2-3	62,409	3-1	51,920	5-4
1983	41,670	4-4	55,718	3-5	48,694	7-9
1984	39,044	2-6	51,523	2-6	43,283	4-12
1985	34,017	3-5	51,571	1-7	42,794	4-12
1986	48,740	2-5-1	54,392	5-3	51,566	7-8-1
1987	23,727	2-6	42,928	1-6	35,549	3-12
1988	33,477	2-6	51,336	3-5	41,406	5-11
1989	40,069	3-5	52,768	0-8	46,418	3-13
1990	49,357	5-3	54,692	0-8	52,024	5-11
1991	50,366	6-2	54,200	4-4	52,496	10-6
1992	63,283	5-3	59,400	1-7	61,342	6-10
1993	57,079	4-4	59,669	2-6	58,374	6-10
1994	57,313	5-3	54,639	2-6	55,976	7-9
1995	52,388	7-1	57,746	2-6	55,067	9-7
1996	41,955	2-6	57,911	1-7	49,933	3-13
1997	48,033	3-5	54,643	4-4	51,338	7-9

TOP HOME CROWDS

Attendance	Opponent	Date	Score
70,089	Dallas	10-29-95	13-28
67,404	San Francisco	11-9-92	3-41
67,357	Kansas City	9-18-94	10-30
67,337	Dallas	11-21-93	27-14
67,328	New Orleans	9-20-92	7-10
67,298	San Francisco	10-16-94	3-42
67,036	Dallas	12-21-92	17-41

TOP ROAD CROWDS

Attendance	Opponent	Date	Score
83,437	New Orleans	11-26-67	24-27
80,004	Buffalo	11-22-92	14-41
78,283	Cleveland	9-27-81	17-28
77,042	New Orleans	9-20-70	14-3
76,825	Cleveland	10-31-71	31-14
75,954	New Orleans	12-19-71	24-20
75,287	Denver	10-16-88	14-30

Byron's Bursts

It took rookie Byron Hanspard just one year to tie Deion Sanders as the only player in Falcons history to have two 90-yard kickoff returns in a career. He's the first NFL player in the last 10 years and the only Falcon to ever do it in back-to-back games. In addition, Hanspard became the first rookie since 1971 to accomplish the feat in consecutive weeks.

ALL-TIME ROSTER

- A -

Absher, Dick (LB), Maryland 1967-68
Acks, Ron (LB), Illinois 1968-71
Adams, Bob (TE), Pacific 1976
Adams, Brent (T), UT at C.nooga 1975-78
Adams, Scott (G/T), Georgia 1997
Agee, Mel (DL), Illinois 1992-95
Alex, Keith (G), Texas A&M 1993
Alexander, Harold (P), Appalachian St. 1993-94
Allen, Anthony (WR), Washington 1985-86
Allen, Demetrius (WR), Virginia 1996
Allen, Grady (LB), Texas A&M 1969-72
Akers, Jeremy (T), Notre Dame 1997
Andersen, Morten (K), Michigan St. 1995-97
Anderson, Anthony (RB), Temple 1980
Anderson, Dunstan (DL), Tulsa 1994
Anderson, Jamal (RB), Utah 1994-97
Anderson, Taz (TE), Georgia Tech 1966-67
Andrews, William (RB), Auburn 1979-83, 86
Archambeau, Lester (DE), Stanford 1993-97
Archer, Dave (QB), Iowa St. 1984-87
Auer, Joe (RB), Georgia Tech 1968
Austin, Cliff (RB), Clemson 1984-86

- B -

Badanjek, Rick (RB), Maryland 1987-88
Bailey, Jim (DT), Kansas 1976-78
Bailey, Larry (DT), Pacific 1974
Bailey, Stacey (WR), San Jose St. 1982-90
Baker, Tony (RB), East Carolina 1986
Baldwin, Robert (RB), Duke 1996
Barnes, Gary (WR), Clemson 1966-67
Barnes, Lew (WR,KR), Oregon 1988
Barnett, Doug (C) Azusa Pacific 1987
Barnett, Oliver (DT), Kentucky 1990-92
Bartkowski, Steve (QB), California 1975-85
Bates, Patrick (S), Texas A&M 1996
Bayne, Chris (S), Fresno State 1997
Bean, Bubba (RB), Texas A&M 1976-80
Bebout, Nick (T), Wyoming 1973-75
Beckman, Brad (TE), Nebraska-Omaha 1989
Bell, Bill (PK), Kansas 1971-72
Bell, Kerwin (QB), Florida 1988
Belton, Willie (RB), Maryland St. 1971-72
Benish, Dan (DT), Clemson 1983-86
Bennett, Cornelius (LB), Alabama 1996-97
Benson, Cliff (TE), Purdue 1984-85
Benson, Duane (LB), Hamline 1972-73
Benson, Thomas (LB), Oklahoma 1984-85
Bentley, Scott (K), Florida State 1997
Berry, Bob (QB), Oregon 1968-72
Bingham, Guy (C/G), Montana 1989-91
Birden, J.J. (WR), Oregon 1995-96
Bleick, Tom (S), Georgia Tech 1967
Bolden, Juran (CB), Mississippi Delta . 1996-97
Booker, Michael (CB), Nebraska 1997
Bosley, Bruce (G), W Virginia 1969
Bowick, Tony (NT), UT/Chattanooga 1989
Bowling, Andy (LB), Virginia Tech 1967
Boyd, Sean (S), North Carolina 1996
Bradford, Ronnie (CB), Colorado 1997
Bramlett, John (LB), Memphis St. 1971
Brandon, David (LB), Memphis State .. 1996-97
Breitenstein, Bob (G/T), Tulsa 1969-70
Brett, Walt (G), Montana 1976
Brezina, Greg (LB), Houston 1968-69, 71-79
Britt, James (DB), LSU 1983-87
Brooks, Ethan (DT/OL) 1996
Brooks, Jonathan (LB), Clemson 1980
Broussard, Steve (RB), Washington St. 1990-93
Brown, Aaron (LB), Ohio State 1986-87
Brown, Charlie (WR), SC State 1985-87
Brown, Clay (TE), Brigham Young 1982
Brown, Greg (DE), Kansas State 1987-88
Brown, Ray (S), W Texas State 1971-78
Brown, Reggie (RB), Oregon 1982
Brown, Shannon (DT) 1996
Brown, Tyrone (WR), Toledo 1995-96
Bruce, Aundray (LB), Auburn 1988-91
Brunson, Mike (WR/RB), Arizona St. 1970
Bryan, Rick (DT), Oklahoma 1984-92
Bryant, Charles (RB), Allen 1969
Bryant, Warren (T), Kentucky 1978-83
Buchanan, Ray (CB), Louisville 1997
Burke, Vern (WR), Oregon St. 1966
Burley, Gary (DT), Pittsburgh 1984
Burrough, John (DT), Wyoming 1995-97
Burrow, Ken (WR), San Diego St. 1971-75
Burson, Jimmy (CB/S), Auburn 1968
Bush, Devin (S), Florida State 1995-97
Butler, Bobby (CB), FSU 1981-92
Butler, Jim (RB), Edward Waters 1968-71
Byas, Rick (DB), Wayne St. 1974-80

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Cabral, Brian (LB), Colorado 1979
Cahill, Dave (DT), Northern Arizona 1969
Cain, Lynn (RB), USC 1979-84
Calland, Lee (CB), Louisville 1966-68
Camp, Reggie (DE), California 1988
Campbell, Scott (QB), Purdue 1986-90
Campbell, Sonny (RB), North Arizona . 1970-71
Case, Scott (DB), Oklahoma 1984-94
Cash, Rick (DE), NE Missouri 1968
Casillas, Tony (DT), Oklahoma 1986-90
Cason, Wendell (DB), Oregon 1985-87
Cavness, Grady (CB), Texas-El Paso 1970
Cawley, Mike (QB), James Madison 1996
Cerne, Joe (C), Northwestern 1968
Chaffey, Pat (RB), Oregon St. 1991
Chandler, Chris (QB), Washington 1997
Chapman, Mike (G), Texas 1984
Childs, Henry (TE), Kansas St. 1974
Chesson, Wes (WR), Duke 1971-73
Christian, Bob (FB), Northwestern 1997
Claridge, Dennis (QB), Nebraska 1966
Clark, Bret (S), Nebraska 1986-88
Clark, Vinnie (CB), Ohio St. 1993-94
Clayton, Stan (T/G), Penn State 1988-89
Coffey, Junior (RB), Washington 1966-67,69
Cogdill, Gail (WR), Washington St. 1969-70
Coia, Angelo (WR), USC 1966
Coleman, Lincoln (RB), Baylor 1996
Collins, Calvin (C/G), Texas A&M 1997
Collins, Shawn (WR), N Arizona 1989-91
Collins, Sonny (RB), Kentucky 1976
Condren, Glen (DT), Oklahoma 1969-72
Conner, Darion (LB), Jackson State 1990-93
Cook, Ed (G), Notre Dame 1966-67
Cooper, Evan (DB), Michigan 1988-89
Cope, Jim (LB), Ohio 1976
Cordill, Olie (WR), Memphis St. 1968

Correal, Chuck (C), Penn St. 1979-80
Costello, Joe (LB), Central Connecticut 1986-88
Cotrell, Ted (LB), Delaware Valley 1969-70
Cotton, Marcus (LB), USC 1988-89
Cox, Arthur (TE), Tex Southern 1983-87
Crockett, Henri (LB), Florida State 1997
Croudip, David (DB), San Diego State 1985-88
Crowe, Larry (DB), Tex Southern 1975
Curran, Willie (WR), UCLA 1982-84
Curry, Buddy (LB), North Carolina 1980-87

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Dabney, Carlton (DT), Morgan St. 1968
Daluiso, Brad (K), UCLA 1991
Davis, Antone (T), Tennessee 1996-7
Davis, Brad (RB), LSU 1975
Davis, Nathan (DT), Indiana 1997
Davis, Greg (K), Citadel 1987-90
Davis, Mitch (LB), Georgia 1994
Davis, Paul (LB), North Carolina 1981-82
Davis, Ron (DB), Tennessee 1995
Davis, Scott (G), Iowa 1997
Daykin, Tony (LB), Georgia Tech 1979-81
Denton, Tim (CB), Sam Houston St. 1996-97
Dils, Steve (QB), Stanford 1988
Dimry, Charles (DB), UNLV 1988-90
Dinkins, Howard (LB), Florida St. 1992-93
Dixon, Corey (WR), Nebraska 1994
Dixon, Floyd (WR), Stephen F. Austin . 1986-91
Dixon, Rich (LB), California 1983
Dodd, Al (WR), NW Louisiana St. 1973-74
Doleman, Chris (DE), Pittsburgh 1994-95
Donaldson, Jeff (S), Colorado 1991-93
Donnelly, Rick (P), Wyoming 1985-88
Donohoe, Mike (TE), U-of-SF 1968, 1970-71
Downs, Gary (RB), N.C. State 1997
Dronett, Shane (DT), Texas 1996-97
Dufour, Dan (C/G), UCLA 1983-84
Duich, Steve (G), San Diego St. 1968
Dukes, Jamie (G), Florida State 1986-93
Dunaway, Dave (WR), Duke 1968
Dunn, Perry Lee (RB), Mississippi 1966-68

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East, Ron (DT), Montana St. 1976
Eastering, Ray (S), Richmond 1972-79
Eatman, Irv, (T), UCLA 1994
Eaton, Tracey (S), Portland St. 1991-93
Eber, Rick (WR), Tulsa 1968
Edwards, Brad (S), South Carolina 1994-96
Eley, Monroe (RB), Arizona St. 1975-78
Ellis, Clarence (CB), Notre Dame 1972-74
Emanuel, Bert (WR), Rice 1994-97
Emery, Larry (RB), Wisconsin 1987
Enderle, Dick (G), Minnesota 1969-71
Epps, Tory (NT), Memphis State 1990-92
Esposito, Mike (RB), Boston College .. 1976-79
Etter, Bob (K), Georgia 1968-69
Everett, Major (RB), Mississippi College ... 1987

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Farmer, Karl (WR), Pittsburgh 1976-77
Faumuina, Wilson (DT), San Jose St. . 1977-81
Favre, Brett (QB), So Miss 1991
Ferguson, Jim (C), USC 1969
Fields, Edgar (DT), Texas A&M 1977-80
Fields, Scott (LB), Southern California 1996
Fishback, Joe (S), Carson-Newman 1991-92
Fitzgerald, Mike (CB/S), Iowa State 1967
Flatley, Paul (WR), Northwestern 1968-69
Flowers, Kenny (RB), Clemson 1987, 1989
Ford, Darryl (LB), New Mexico St. 1994
Fortin, Roman (C), San Diego State 1992-97
Fortner, Larry (WB), Miami-Ohio 1980
Fountaine, Jamal (LB), Washington 1997
Fralic, Bill (G/T), Pittsburgh 1985-92
Francis, Wallace (WR),
Arkansas AM&N 1975-81
Franklin, George (RB), Texas A&I 1978
Freeman, Mike (CB/S), Fresno St. 1968-70
Fritsch, Ted (C), St. Norbert 1972-75
Frye, David (LB), Purdue 1983-85
Fulhage, Scott (P), Kansas St. 1989-91

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Gagliano, Bob (QB), Utah St. 1993
Gaison, Blane (S), Hawaii 1981-84
Gallagher, Frank (G), N Carolina 1973
Gann, Mike (DE), Notre Dame 1985-93
Gardner, Moe (NT), Illinois 1991-96
Geathers, James (DT), Wichita St. 1993-95
George, Jeff, (QB), Illinois 1994-96
George, Ron (LB), Stanford 1993-96
Gia Garcia, Jim (DE), Purdue 1968
George, Steve (DT), Houston 1976
Geredine, Thomas (WR),
NE Missouri St. 1973-74
Germany, Willie (S), Morgan St. 1972
Giacomarro, Ralph (P), Penn State 1983-85
Gilbert, Lewis (TE), Florida 1978-79
Gilliam, John (WR), South Carolina St. 1976
Gipson, Paul (RB), Houston 1969-70
Glass, Glenn (WR), Tennessee 1966
Glazebrook, Bob (DB), Fresno St. 1978-83
Goff, Willard (DT), W Texas St. 1985
Goldberg, Bill (NT), Georgia 1992-94
Goodwin, Doug (RB), Maryland St. 1968
Gordon, Dwayne (LB), New Hampshire 1993-94
Gordon, Tim (S), Tulsa 1987-90
Gotshalk, Len (T), Humboldt St. 1972-76
Graziani, Tony (QB), Oregon 1997
Green, Harold (RB), South Carolina) 1997
Green, Tim (LB), Syracuse 1986-93
Greene, Tiger (DB), Western Carolina 1985
Grimm, Dan (G/C), Colorado 1966-68

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Haji-Sheikh, Ali (K), Michigan 1986
Hall, Travis (DT), BYU 1995-97
Halverson, Dena (LB), Washington 1970
Hamilton, Ruffin (LB) 1997
Hampton, Dave (RB), Wyoming 1972-75
Hansen, Don (LB), Illinois 1969-75
Hanspard, Byron (RB), Texas Tech 1997
Harmon, Tom (G), Gus. Adolphus 1967
Harper, John (LB), So Illinois 1983
Harper, Roger (S), Ohio St. 1993-95
Harris, Bill (RB), Colorado 1968
Harris, Leonard (WR), Texas Tech 1994
Harris, Roy (DT), Florida 1984-85
Harrison, Dennis (DE), Vanderbilt 1986-87
Hart, Leo (QB), Duke 1971

Hawkins, Alex (WR), South Carolina ... 1966-67
Haworth, Steve (DB), Oklahoma 1983-84
Havig, Dennis (G), Colorado 1972-75
Hayes, Mercury, (WR), Michigan 1997
Hayes, Tom (CB), San Diego St. 1971-75
Haynes, Michael (WR), N Arizona 1988-93, '97
Hebert, Bobby (QB), NW Louisiana 1993-96
Heck, Ralph (LB), Colorado 1966-68
Heller, Ron (TE), Oregon St. 1989
Herman, Chuck (G), Arkansas 1980
Herron, Mack (RB), Kansas St. 1975
Hester, Jessie (WR), FSU 1988
Hettema, Dave (T), New Mexico 1970
Heyward, Craig (RB), Pittsburgh 1994-96
Higdon, Alex (TE), Ohio State 1988
Hill, Drew (WR), Georgia Tech 1992-93
Hilton, Roy (DE), Jackson St. 1975
Hinson, Billy (G), Florida 1986
Hinton, Chris (T), Northwestern 1990-93
Hodge, Floyd (WR), Utah 1982-84
Holly, Bob (QB), Princeton 1984-85
Holmes, Rudy (DE), Drake 1974
Holt, Pierce (DL), Angelo St. 1993-95
Hoover, Houston (T), Jackson State 1988-92
Houston, Harrison (WR), Florida 1994
Howard, Ed (WR), Rice 1995
Howe, Glen (T), So Mississippi 1985-86
Howell, Pat (G), USC 1979-83
Hudlow, Floyd (CB/S), Arizona 1967-68
Hughes, Bob (DE), Jackson St. 1967-69
Humphrey, Claude (DE),
Tennessee State 1968-74, 76-78
Hunter, John (T), BYU 1989-91
Hunter, Scott (QB), Alabama 1976-78
Huntley, Richard (RB), Winston-Salem 1996
Hutchinson, Tom (WR), Kentucky 1966

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Jack, Eric (CB), New Mexico 1994-95
Jackson, Alfred (WR), Texas 1978-84
Jackson, Ernie (CB), Duke 1978
Jackson, Jeff (LB), Auburn 1984-85
Jackson, Larron (G), Missouri 1975-76
Jackson Robert (LB), Texas A&M 1982
Jackson, Tyoka (DL), Penn State 1994
James, John (P), Florida 1972-81
Jenke, Noel (LB), Minnesota 1972
Jenkins, Alfred (WR), Morris Brown 1975-83
Jarvis, Ray (WR), Norfolk St. 1971-72
Jobko, Bill (LB), Ohio St. 1966
Johnson, Billy (WR), Widener 1982-87
Johnson, D.J. (CB), Kentucky 1994-96
Johnson, Kenny (DB), Mississippi St. .. 1980-86
Johnson, Norm (K) UCLA 1991-94
Johnson, Randy (QB), Texas A&I 1966-70
Johnson, Rudy (RB), Nebraska 1966
Johnson, Tracy (RB), Clemson 1990-91
Johnson, Undra (RB), W Virginia 1989
Jones, Bob (WR), San Diego St. 1969
Jones, Bob (DB), Virginia Union 1975-76
Jones, Earl (DB), Norfolk St. 1980-83
Jones, Jerry (DT), Bowling Green 1966
Jones, Joey (WR), Alabama 1986
Jones, June (QB), Portland St. 1977-79
Jones, Keith (RB), Illinois 1989-92
Jones, Tony (WR), Texas 1992
Jordan, Brian (S), Richmond 1989-91

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Kay, Rick (LB), Colorado 1977
Kelly, Todd (DE), Tennessee 1996
Kendrick, Vince (RB), Florida 1974-75
Kenn, Mike (T), Michigan 1978-94
Kennedy, Lincoln (G/T), Washington ... 1993-95
Kiewel, Jeff (G), Arizona 1985-87
Kinchen, Todd (WR), Louisiana State 1997
Kindle, Gregg (G), Tennessee St. 1976
Kirouac, Lou (G/K), Boston College 1966-67
Klein, Perry (QB), C.W. Post 1994-95
Knight, Leander (CB), Montclair St. 1988
Koeper, Rich (T), Oregon State 1966
Komlo, Jeff (QB), Delaware 1982
Kozlowski, Brian (TE) 1997
Kramer, Erik (QB), N Carolina St. 1987
Kraynak, Rich (LB), Pittsburgh 1987
Krepfle, Keith (TE), Iowa St. 1982
Kuechenberg, Rudy (LB), Indiana 1971
Kunz, George (T), Notre Dame 1969-74
Kupp, Jake (G), Washington 1967
Kuykendall, Fulton (LB), UCLA 1975-84

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Lamb, Ron (RB), South Carolina 1972
Landrum, Mike (TE), So Miss 1984
Lang, Gene (RB), LSU 1988-90
Laughlin, Jim (LB), Ohio St. 1980-82,87
Lavan, Al (S), Colorado St. U 1969-70
Lawrence, Kent (WR), Georgia 1970
Lawrence, Rolland (DB), Tabor 1973-80
Le Bel, Harper (TE), Col St. 1991-96
Ledbetter, Monte (WR), NW Louisiana 1969
Lee, Bob (WR), Minnesota 1969
Lee, Bob (QB), Pacific 1973-74
Lee, Danzell (TE), Lamar 1988
Lee, Dwight (RB), Michigan St. 1968
Lee, Ron (OL), Baylor 1983
Lemmerman, Bruce (QB), San Fern. Val. . 1968-69
Lester, Fred (FB), Alabama A&M 1997
Lens, Greg (DT), Trinity Texas 1970-71
Levenick, Dave (LB), Wisconsin 1983-84
Lewis, Mike (DT), Arkansas AM&N 1971-79
Linden, Errol (T), Houston 1966-68
Logan, Ernie (DE), East Carolina 1993
Loneker, Keith (G), Kansas 1996
Long, Bob (WR), Wichita State 1968
Lothridge, Billy (P/S), Georgia Tech 1966-71
Loveall, Calvin (CB), Idaho 1988
Luckhurst, Mick (K), California 1981-87
Lyles, Robert (LB), TCU 1990-91
Lyons, Mitch (TE), Michigan State 1993-96

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Mabra, Ron (DB), Howard 1975-76
Mack, Red (WR), Notre Dame 1966
Malancon, Rydell (LB), Louisiana State 1984
Mallory, John (S), West Virginia 1967
Malone, Art (RB), Arizona State 1970-74
Mankins, Jim (RB), Florida State 1967
Manning, Rosie (T), NE Oklahoma 1972-75
Marchiewski, Frank (C), Minnesota 1966-68
Marshall, Randy (DE), Linfield 1970-71
Marshall, Rich (DT), Stephen F Austin 1966

Martin, Billy (TE), Georgia Tech 1966-67
Martin, Charles (NT), Livingston 1988
Marx, Greg (DT), Notre Dame 1973
Mathis, Terance (WR), New Mexico 1994-97
Matlock, John (C), Miami 1970-71
Matthews, Al (TE), Vanderbilt 1983-85
Matthews, Aubrey (WR), Delta State ... 1986-88
Matthews, Clay (LB), Southern Cal 1994-96
Matthews, Henry (RB), Michigan St 1973
Mauer, Andy (G), Oregon 1970-73
Maxie, Brett (S), Texas Southern 1994
Mayberry, James (RB), Colorado 1979-81
Mazzetti, Tim (K), Pennsylvania 1978-80
McCarthy, Brendan (RB), Boston Col 1968
McCartney, Ron (LB), Tennessee 1977-79
McCauley, Tom (S/WR), Wisconsin 1969-71
McClain, Dewey (LB), E Central Univ .. 1976-80
McCrary, Greg (TE), Clark 1975-77
McDermott, Gary (RB), Tulsa 1969
McDonald, Tommy (WR), Oklahoma 1967
McFadden, Paul (K), Youngstown State ... 1989
McGee, Molly (RB), Rhode Island 1974
McGill, Lenny (CB), Arizona State 1996-97
McInnis, Hugh (TE), So Mississippi 1966
McIntyre, Secedrick (RB), Auburn 1977
McKinnely, Phil (T), UCLA 1976-80
McKyer, Tim (CB), Tex-Arlington .. 1991-92, '96
McMillon, Steve (CB) Wyoming 1989
McQuilken, Kim (QB), Lehigh 1974-77
Merrow, Jeff (DE), W Virginia 1975-83
Metcalf, Eric (WR/RB), Texas 1995-96
Meyers, Eddie (RB), Navy 1982
Mialik, Larry (TE), Wisconsin 1972-74
Miano, Rich (S), Hawaii 1995
Middleton, Ron (TE), Auburn 1986-87
Mike-Mayer, Nick (K), Temple 1973-77
Mikeska, Russ (TE), Texas A&M 1979-83
Millen, Hugh (QB), Washington 1988-90
Miller, Brett (T), Iowa 1983-88
Miller, Chris (QB), Oregon 1987-92
Miller, Jim (QB), Michigan State 1997
Miller, Jim (G) Iowa 1971-72,74
Miller, Junior (TE), Nebraska 1980-83
Miller, Nate (OL), Louisiana State 1995-97
Milling, James (WR), Maryland 1991-92
Mims, David (WR), Baylor 1993-94
Mitchell, Barry (DE), Idaho 1997
Mitchell, Brian (CB), BYU 1991-92
Mitchell, Ken (LB), UNLV 1973-74
Mitchell, Jim (TE), Prairie View 1969-79
Mitchell, Leonard (T), Houston 1987
Mitchell, Roland (CB), Texas Tech 1990
Montgomery, Alton (S), Houston 1993-95
Montgomery, Marv (T), USC 1978
Moore, Robert (S), Northwestern St. ... 1986-89
Moore, Tom (RB), Vanderbilt 1967
Moriarty, Tom (S), Bowling Green .. 1977-79,81
Moroski, Mike (QB), Cal-Davis 1979-84
Morris, Larry (LB), Georgia Tech 1966
Mraz, Mark (DE), Utah State 1987
Musser, Neal (LB), NC State 1981-83

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Nagle, Browning (QB), Louisville 1995-96
Neal, Louis (WR), Prairie View 1973-74
Nobis, Tommy (LB), Texas 1966-76
Nofsinger, Terry (QB), Utah 1967
Norton, Jim (DT/DE), Washington 1967-68

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Odomes, Nate (CB), Wisconsin 1996
Ogden, Ray (TE), Alabama 1967-68
Ortega, Ralph (LB), Florida 1975-78
Oswald, Paul (G), Kansas 1988
Owens, Dan (DT), Southern California 1996-97

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Pahukoa, Jeff (G/T), Washington 1995-96
Palmer, Dick (LB), Kentucky 1974
Paterra, Greg (RB), Slippery Rock 1989
Patton, Ricky (RB), Jackson St. 1978
Pearson, Dennis (WR), San Diego St. 1978-79
Pellegrini, Joe (C), Harvard 1984-86
Pegram, Erric (RB), N Tex St. 1991-94
Pennywell, Robert (LB), Grambling 1977-80
Perko, Mike (DT), Utah St. 1982
Phillips, Anthony (CB), Texas A&M 1994-96
Phillips, Jason (WR) Houston 1991-93
Phillips, Ray (LB), North Carolina St. 1986
Pickens, Bruce (CB), Nebraska 1992
Pillers, Lawrence (DT), Alcorn State 1985
Pitts, Mike (DE), Alabama 1983-86
Pleasant, Anthony (DE), Tennessee St. 1997
Pleasant, Reggie (DB), Clemson 1985
Plummer, Tony (S), Pacific 1971-73
Poage, Ray (TE) Texas 1971
Preston, Roell (WR), Mississippi 1995-96
Pridemore, Tom (S), West Virginia 1978-85
Primus, James (RB), UCLA 1988-89
Pringle, Mike (RB), Cal State-Fullerton 1990
Pritchard, Mike (WR), Colorado 1992-93
Pritchett, Billy Ray (RB), W. Texas St . 1976-77
Pritchett, Wes (LB), Notre Dame 1991
Profit, Joe (RB), NE Louisiana 1971-73
Provence, Andrew (DT), S Carolina 1983-87

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Rade, John (LB), Boise St. 1983-92
Radloff, Wayne (C), Georgia 1986-89
Rassas, Nick (S), Notre Dame 1966-68
Ray, Eddie (RB), LSU 1972-74
Ray, Terry (S), Oklahoma 1992
Reaves, Ken (CB), Norfolk St. 1966-73
Rector, Ron (RB), Northwestern 1966-67
Redding, Reggie (T), Cal St. Ful 1991
Redmond, Rudy (CB), Pacific 1969-71
Reed, Frank (DB), Washington 1976-80
Reed, Oscar (RB), Colorado State U 1975
Reid, Michael (LB), Wisconsin 1987-92
Reese, Guy (DT), SMU 1966
Renfroe, Gilbert (QB), Tenn St. 1990
Richards, Bobby (DE), LSU 1966-67
Richards, Dave (G), UCLA 1994-96
Richardson, Al (LB), Georgia Tech 1980-85
Richardson, Jerry (CB/S), W Texas St. 1966-67
Riddick, Louis (S), Pittsburgh ..... 1992, '96
Ridlehuber, Preston (RB), Georgia 1966
Riggle, Bob (S), Penn State 1966-67
Riggs, Gerald (RB), Arizona St. 1982-88
Rison, Andre (WR), Mich St. 1990-94
Ritcher, Jim (G), North Carolina St. 1994-95
Roberts, Gary (G), Purdue 1970

Roberts, George (P), Virginia Tech 1982
Roberts, Guy (LB), Maryland 1976
Robinson, Bo (RB), W Texas St. 1981-83
Robison, Tommy (G), Texas A&M 1989
Rogers, Doug (DE), Stanford 1982
Rogers, Joe (WR), Texas Southern 1994
Roques, Burnell (WR), Claremont 1996
Ross, Kevin (CB), Temple 1994-95
Rozier, Mike (RB), Nebraska 1990-91
Rubke, Karl (DT), USC 1966-67
Ruether, Mike (C), Texas 1990-93
Rushing, Marion (LB), So Illinois 1966-68
Russ, Carl (LB), Michigan 1975
Ryckman, Billy (WR), Louisiana Tech .. 1977-79
Ryczek, Paul (C), Virginia 1974-79

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Sabatino, Bill (DT), Colorado 1969
Sadowski, Troy (TE), Georgia 1990
Sandeman, Bill (T), Pacific 1967-73
Sanders, Bob (LB), N Texas St. 1967
Sanders, Deion (CB), Florida St. 1989-93
Sanders, Eric (T), Nevada-Reno 1981-86
Sanders, Ricky (WR), SW Texas St. 1994-95
Santiago, O.J. (TE), Kent State 1997
Sauer, Craig (LB), Minnesota 1996-97
Saxton, Brian (TE), Boston College 1997
Scales, Charlie (RB), Indiana 1966
Schmidt, Roy (G/T), Long Beach St. 1969
Schonert, Turk (QB), Stanford 1986
Schreiber, Adam (C/G), Texas 1997
Scott, Dave (T), Kansas 1976-82
Scott, Freddie (WR), Penn State 1996
Scully, John (C), Notre Dame 1981-90
Seay, Virgil (WR), Troy St. 1984
Settle, John (RB), Appalachian 1987-90
Sharp, Dan (TE), Texas Christian 1987
Shay, Jerry (DT), Purdue 1968-69
Shears, Larry (CB), Lincoln, Mo 1971
Shelley, Elbert (S), Arkansas State 1987-96
Sherlag, Bob (WR), Memphis St. 1966
Shiner, Dick (QB), Maryland 1971-73
Sidle, Jimmy (TE/RB), Auburn 1966
Sieminski, Chuck (DT), Penn State 1966-67
Silvestri, Carl (CB-S), Wisconsin 1966
Simeta, Mike (DT), Kansas St. 1983
Simmons, Jerry (WR),
Bethune-Cookman 1967-69
Simon, Jim (G/T), Miami 1966-68
Sims, Joe (T), Nebraska 1991
Sloan, Steve (QB), Alabama 1966-67
Small, Gerald (CB), San Jose St. 1984
Small, John (DT), Citadel 1970-72
Smigelsky, Dave (P), Virginia Tech 1982
Smith, Chuck (DE), Tennessee 1992-97
Smith, Don (DE), Miami 1979-84
Smith, Ed (TE), no college 1997
Smith, Mike (WR), Grambling 1980
Smith, Ralph (TE), Mississippi 1969
Smith, Reggie (WR), NC Central 1980-81
Smith, Ron (CB/WR), Wisconsin 1966-67
Smith, Royce (G), Georgia 1974-76
Smith, Tony (RB), Southern Miss. 1992-94
Smith, Vinson (LB), E Carolina 1988
Snider, Malcolm (G), Stanford 1969-71
Snyder, Todd (WR), Ohio U 1970-72
Sobocinski, Phil (C), Wisconsin 1968
Solomon, Jesse (LB), Florida St. 1992
Spencer, Darryl (WR), Miami-Fla 1994-95
Spiller, Phil (S), Cal State-LA 1968
Spiva, Andy (LB), Tennessee 1977
Spivey, Mike (CB), Colorado 1982
Stamps, Sylvester (WR), Jackson St. ... 1984-88
Stanback, Haskel (RB), Tennessee 1974-79
Stanciel, Jeff (RB), Miss Valley 1969
Steinfort, Fred (PK), Boston College 1977-78
Stewart, Steve (LB), Minnesota 1978
Stinson, Lemuel (CB), Texas Tech 1993
Strahan, Art (DT), Texas Southern 1968
Strong, Ray (RB), Nevada/Las Vegas .. 1978-82
Stryzinski, Dan (P), Indiana 1995-97
Styles, Lorenzo (LB), Ohio State 1995-96
Suchy, Larry (CB), Mississippi College 1968
Sullivan, Jim (DE), Lincoln, MO 1970
Sullivan, Pat (QB), Auburn 1972-75
Sutter, Eddie (LB), Northwestern 1997
Szczecko, Joe (DT), Auburn 1966-68

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Talbert, Don (T), Texas 1966-68
Talley, Darryl (LB), West Virginia 1995
Tate, Rodney (RB), Texas 1984
Taylor, Johnnie (LB), Hawaii 1984-86
Taylor, Malcom (DE), Tennessee St. 1989
Taylor, Terry (CB), Southern Illinois 1995
Teague, Matthew (DE), Prairie View 1981
Ten Napel, Garth (LB), Texas A&M 1978
Thaxton, Galand (LB), Wyoming 1989
Thielemann, RC (G), Arkansas 1977-84
Thomas, Ben (DE), Auburn 1989
Thomas, Chuck (G), Oklahoma 1985
Thomas, George (WR), Nevada-Las Vegas . 1989-92
Thomas, Sean (DB), TCU 1985
Thompson, Woody (RB), Miami 1975-77
Thornal, Kevin (WR), S. Methodist 1997
Tilleman, Mike (DT), Montana 1973-76
Tinker, Gerald (WR), Kent State 1974-75
Tippins, Ken (LB), MTSU 1990-95
Tobeck, Robbie (C), Washington St. 1993-97
Tolleson, Tommy (WR), Alabama 1966
Tolliver, Billy Joe (QB), Texas Tech 1991-93, '96-97
Toloumu, David (RB), Hawaii 1982
Traynham, Wade (K), Frederick 1966-67
Tuggle, Jessie (LB), Valdosta State 1987-97
Turner, Jimmy (CB), UCLA 1986-87
Tutson, Tom (DB), SC State 1983
Tuttle, Perry (WR), Clemson 1984
Tyner, Scott (P), Oklahoma State 1994
Tyrrell, Tim (RB), No. Illinois 1984-86

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Van Note, Jeff (C), Kentucky 1969-86
Verdin, Clarence (KR), SW Louisiana 1994
Vinson, Tony (RB), Towson State 1995
Vinyard, Kenny (K), Texas Tech 1970

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Wages, Harmon (RB), Florida 1968-71,73
Wagoner, Danny (DB), Kansas 1985
Walker, Chuck (DT), Duke 1972-75
Walker, Cleo (LB), Louisville 1971
Walker, Darnell (CB), Oklahoma 1993-96

Wallace, Anthony (RB), California 1993
Warwick, Lonnie (LB), Tenn Tech 1973-74
Washington, Charles (S), Cameron 1992-94
Washington, Joe (RB), Oklahoma 1985
Washington, Joe (RB), Illinois St. 1973
Washington, Ronnie (LB), NE Louisiana St. 1985
Waskiewicz, Jim (C), Wichita St. 1969
Weatherford, Jim (S), Tennessee 1969
Weatherley, Jim (C), None 1976
West, Ed (TE), Auburn 1997
Wheelwright, Ernie (RB), So. Illinois 1966-67
Whisenhunt, Ken (TE), Georgia Tech... 1985-88
White, Lyman (LB), LSU 1981-82
White, William (S), Ohio State 1997
Whitfield, Bob (OT), Stanford 1992-97
Whitlow, Bob (C), Arizona 1966
Wilkes, Reggie (LB), Georgia Tech 1986-87
Wilkins, Gary (TE), Georgia Tech 1988-91
Williams, Clay (T), Indiana 1996
Williams, Gene (G/T), Iowa State 1996-97
Williams, Joel (LB), Wis/LaCrosse 1979-82, 86-89
Williams, Keith (RB), SW Missouri 1986
Williams, Richard (RB) Memphis St. 1983
Williams, Sam (DE), Michigan State 1966-67
Williams, Thomas (DE), Wyoming 1994
Willig, Matt (T/G), Southern California . 1996-97
Willis, Mitch (DT), SMU 1988
Wilson, Brenard (S), Vanderbilt 1987
Wilson, Jim (C), Georgia 1967
Wilson, Wade (QB), East Texas St. 1992
Wimberly, Marcus (S), Miami 1997
Windauer, Bill (DT), Iowa 1976
Winkler, Randy (G), Tarleton St. 1968
Woerner, Scott (S), Georgia 1981
Wolski, Bill (RB), Notre Dame 1966
Wood, Bo (DE), North Carolina 1967
Woodberry, Dennis (CB), S. Arkansas 1986
Wright, James (TE), Texas Christian 1978-79
Wright, John (WR), Illinois 1968
Wright, Nate (S), San Diego St. 1969

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Yarno, George (C/G), Wash St. 1988
Yeates, Jeff (DT), Boston College 1976-84
Young, Ben (TE), UT-Arlington 1983

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Zackery, Tony (DB), Washington 1989
Zandofsky, Mike (G), Washington 1994-96
Zele, Mike (DT), Kent 1979-83
Zgonina, Jeff (DT), Purdue 1996
Zook, John (DE), Kansas 1969-75

All-Time Roster Information

To be listed in the Falcons all-time roster, players must have made the regular-season roster for at least one season. Players who have only participated in the Falcons' training camp and were then released before the regular season, are not listed on this all-time roster. According to the NFL's Collective Bargaining Agreement, a player receives credit for one accrued season for which he was on full pay status for a total of six or more regular season games.

Quarterbacks Under Attack by "The Bomb Squad" in 1997

Game	Sacks	Yards	Pressures	Batted Balls	Interceptions
at Detroit	4	30	11	3	1
Carolina	6	40	13	2	0
Oakland	3	21	5	0	0
at San Francisco	3	15	7	2	0
Denver	3	15	8	2	1
at New Orleans	10	76	10	1	2
San Francisco	3	18	11	0	1
at Carolina	3	16	14	2	1
St. Louis	1	2	14	2	1
Tampa Bay	0	0	2	3	0
at St. Louis	3	24	11	4	0
New Orleans	6	32	10	1	4
at Seattle	3	12	13	3	1
at San Diego	4	38	19	2	3
Philadelphia	1	9	11	2	1
at Arizona	2	6	10	5	2
Totals	**55**	**354**	**169**	**34**	**18**

Falcons All Time by Numbers...

1
Fred Steinfort '77-78; Ralph Giacommaro '83-85; Jeff George '94-95

2
Clarence Verdin '94

3
Bob Etter '68-69; David Smigelesky '82; Rick Donnelly '85-88; Bobby Hebert '93-96; Scott Bentley '97

#3 Bobby Hebert

4
Tim Mazzetti '78-80; Brett Favre '91; Scott Tyner '94; Dan Stryzinski '95-97

5
Harmon Wages '68-71, '73; Greg Davis '87-90; Harold Alexander '93-94; Morten Andersen '95-97

6
John James '72-81; Ali Haji-Sheikh '86

7
Wade Trayman '66-67; Pat Sullivan '72-75; Hugh Millen '88-90; Perry Klein '94-95; Browning Nagle '96

8
Tommy McDonald '67; Kenny Vinyard '70; Bob Holly '84-85; Steve Dils '86

9
Larry Fortner '80; Norm Johnson '91-94

10
Dennis Claridge '66; Leo Hart '71; Steve Bartkowski '75-85; Scott Campbell '86-90

11
Randy Johnson '66-70; Dick Shiner '71-73; Kim McQuilken '74-77; Kerwin Bell '88; Billy Joe Tolliver '96-97

12
Nick Mike-Mayer '73-77; George Roberts '82; Chris Miller '87-92; Chris Chandler '97

13
Billy Joe Tolliver '91 93; Browning Nagle '95; Tony Graziani '97

14
Steve Sloan; '66-67; Terry Nofsinger '67; June Jones '77-79; Jeff Komlo '82; Turk Schonert '86; Erik Kramer '87; Bob Gagliano '93

15
Gail Cogdill '69-70; Mike Moroski '79-84; **Jim Miller '97**

16
Scott Hunter '76-78; Reggie Smith '80-81; David Archer '84-87

17
Bob Berry '68-72; Scott Fulhage '89-92

18
Bruce Lemmerman '68-69; Mike Luckhurst '81-87; Wade Wilson '92

19
Mike Brunson '70; Bob Lee '73-74; Corey Dixon '94

20
Bob Riggle '66-67; Tom McCauley '69-71; Vince Kendrick '74-75; Earl Jones '80-83; Wendell Cason '86-87; Evan Cooper '88; Brad Edwards '94; Michael Booker '97

21
Tom Moore '67; Lynn Cain '79-84; Jimmy Turner '86-87; Deion Sanders '89-93; Eric Metcalf '95-96

#21 Deion Sanders

22
Lee Calland '66-68; John Mallory '69; Rolland Lawrence '73-80; Richard Williams '83; Sean Thomas '85; Dennis Woodberry '86; Brenard Wilson '87; Charles Dimry '88-90; Tim McKyer '91-92, '96; Alton Montgomery '93-95; Lenny McGill '97

23
Jeff Stanciel '69; Joe Profit '71-73; Bobby Butler '81-92; Ronnie Bradford '97

24
Jimmy Sidle '66; Nate Wright '69; Haskel Stanback '74-79; David Toloumu '82; Joe Washington '85; Larry Emery '87; Mike Pringle '90; Brian Mitchell '92-93; Terry Taylor '95; Patrick Bates '96; Byron Hanspard '97

25
Alex Hawkins 66-67; Mike Fitzgerald 67; Rick Eber 68; Art Malone '70-74; Larry Crowe '75; Ray Strong '78-82; Scott Case 84-94; Devin Bush 96-97

26
Billy Lothridge '66-71; Mike Esposito '76-79; James Britt '83-87; Louis Riddick '92; Anthony Phillips '94-96

27
Red Mack '66; Nick Rassas '66-68;Tom Hayes '71-75; Tom Pridemore '78-85; Calvin Loveall '88; Vinnie Clark '93; Brad Edwards '95-96

28
Ray Ogden '67-68; Mike Freeman '68-70; Willie Belton '71-72; Frank Reed '76-80; Bret Clark; '68-88; Pat Chaffey '91; Tony Smith '92-93; Ron Davis '95; Lenny McGill '96; Harold Green '97

29
Ron Rector '66-67; Clarence Ellis '72-74; Ron Mabra '75-76; Joe Fishback '92; Louis Riddick '96

30
Ernie Wheelwright '66-67; Doug Goodwin '68; Larry Shears '71; Joe Washington '73; Oscar Reed '75; Ernie Jackson '78; Scott Woerner '81; Steve Haworth '83-84; David Croudip '85-88; Mike Rozier '90-91; Terry Ray '92; Lemuel Stinson '93

31
Charlie Scales '66; Bill Harris '68; Dwight Lee '68; Willie Germany '72; Molly McGee '74; William Andrews '79-83, '86

32
Rudy Johnson '66; Preston Ridlehuber '66; Charles Bryant '69; Grady Cavness '70; Ray Eastering '72-79; Tim Tyrell '84-86; Tracey Eaton '91-93; Jamal Anderson '94-97

33
Larry Morris '66; Jim Mankins '67; Jim Butler '68-71; Henry Matthews '73; Ricky Patton '78; Anthony Anderson '80; Bo Robinson '81-83; Tiger Greene '85; Leander Knight '88; Gene Lang '88-89; Eric Pegram '93-94; Richard Huntley '96

34
Junior Coffey '66-67; Ray Brown '71-78; Blane Gaison '81-84; Robert Moore '86-88; Steve Broussard '90,'92; David Mims '93; Craig Heyward '94-96; Ray Buchanan '97

35
Tony Plummer '71-73; Reggie Pleasant '85; Keith Williams '86; Mike Pritchard '91-93; William White '97

#35 Mike Pritchard

36
Ken Reaves '66-73; Rudy Holmes '74; Bob Glazebrook '78-83; Danny Wagoner '85; Eric Bergeson '90; Brian Mitchell '91; Derrick Moore '92; Kevin Ross '94-95

37
Perry Lee Dunn '66-68; Bill Bell '71-72;Kenny Johnson '80-86; Elbert Shelley '87-96

38
Joe Auer '68; Rick Byas '74-80; Keith Jones '89-90, '92; Rich Miano '95; Nate Odomes '96

39
Billy Ray Pritchett '76-77; James Mayberry '79-81; Cliff Austin '84-86; Roland Mitchell '90; Bruce Pickens '91-92; Eric Jack '94

40
Ron Smith '66-67; Paul Gibson; '69-70; Ron Lamb '72; Bob Jones '75-76; George Franklin '78; Eddie Meyers '82; Brian Jordan '89-91; Anthony Wallace '93

41
Brendon McCarthy '68; Al Dodds '73-74; Sonny Collins '76; Secedrick McIntyre '77; Virgil Seay '84; Tony Baker '86; Tim Gordon '87-90; Eric Pegram '91-92;Brett Maxie '94

42
Phil Spiller '68; Jim Weatherford '69; Mike Herron '75; John Gillam '76; Gerald Riggs '82-88; Jeff Donaldson '91-93; Devin Bush '95; Sean Boyd '96

43
Jerry Richardson '66-67; Monte Ledbetter '69; Dave Hampton '72-75; Tom Tutson '83; Tracy Johnson '90-91; Juran Bolden '96-97

44
Bill Wolski '66; Jerry Simmons '67-69; Eddie Ray '72-74; Bubba Bean '76-80; Rodney Tate '84; John Settle '87-90; Steve Broussard '93; D.J. Johnson '94-95; Bob Christian '97

45
Carl Silvestri '66; Dave Dunaway '68; John Wright '68; Gary McDermott '69; Sonny Campbell '70-71; Tom Moriarty '77-79; Ken Wisenhunt '85-88; Darnell Walker '93-96; Gary Downs '97

46
Larry Suchy '68; Ray Jarvis '71-72; Monroe Eley '75-78; Reggie Brown '82, Charles Washington '92-94

47
Rudy Redmond '69-71; Brad Davis '75; Mike Spivey '82; Rick Badanjek '87-88; Roger Harper '93-95; Chris Bayne '97

48
Angelo Coia '66; Tom Bleick '67; Olie Cordill '68; Woody Thompson '75-77; Gerald Small '84; Ray Phillips '86; Kenny Flowers '87; Darryl Ford '93; Marcus Wimberly '97

49
Glenn Glass '66; Floyd Hudlow '67-68; Jimmy Burson '68; Al Lavan '69-70; Al Matthews '83-85; James Primus '88-89; Brian Saxton '97

50
Jerry Jones '66; Greg Brezina '68-69, '71-79; Buddy Curry '80-87; Ron George '93-96; Eddie Sutter '97

#50 Buddy Curry

51
Bob Whitlow '66; Andy Bowling '67; Ted Cottrell '69-70; Duane Benson '72-73; Dick Palmer '74; Jim Cope '76; Andy Spiva '77; Brian Cabral '79; Jim Laughlin '80-82, '87; Rich Dixon '83; Jeff Jackson '84-85; Reggie Wilkes '86-87; Marcus Cotton '88-90; Howard Dinkins '93; Jim Ritcher '94-95; David Brandon '96-97

52
Marion Rushing '66-68; Ron Acks; '68-71; Ken Mitchell '73-74; Dewey McClain '76-80; Lyman White '81-82; John Harper '83; Craig Sutter '97; Rydell Malancon '84; Vinson Smith '88; Ken Tippins '90-95; Craig Sauer '96

#52 Dewey McClain

53
Frank Marchiewski '66-68; Phil Sobocinski '68; John Matlock '70-71; Paul Ryczek '74-79; Neal Musser '81-83; Thomas Benson '84-85; Doug Barnett '87; Dwayne Gordon '93-94; Jamal Fountaine '97

54
Bob Sanders '67; Grady Allen '69-72; Fulton Kuykendall '75-84; Joel Williams '79-82, '86-89; Robert Lyles '90-91; Jesse Solomon '92-93; Ruffin Hamliton '97

55
Ralph Heck '66-68; Roy Schmidt '69; Jim Miller '71-72; Ralph Ortega; '75-78; Tony Daykin '79-81; Dave Levenick '83-84; Wayne Radloff '86-88; Mike Ruether '90-93; Nate Miller '95-97

56
Joe Cerne '68; Dennis Havig '72-75; Guy Roberts '76; Ron

McCartney '77-79; Al Richardson '80-85; Joe Costello '86-88; Darion Conner '90-93; Chris Doleman '94-95

57

Bill Jobko '66; Dick Absher '67-68; Jeff Van Note '69-86; Clay Matthews '94-96

#57
Jeff
Van Note

58

Don Hansen '69-75; Jim Weatherley '76; Rick Kay '77; Steve Stewart '78; David Frye '83-85; Jessie Tuggle '87-97

59

Jim Ferguson '69; Jim Waskiewicz '69; Dena Halverson '70; Rudy Kuchenberg '71; Noel Jenke '72; Lonnie Warwick '73-74; Carl Russ '75; Robert Pennywell '77-80; Paul Davis '81-82; John Rade '83-91; Lorenzo Styles '95-96

60

Tommy Nobis '66-76

61

Bill Sandeman '67-73; Chuck Correal '79-80; John Brooks '80; Chuck Herman '80; John Scully '81-88, '90; Robbie Tobeck '93-96; Robert Tobeck '97

62

Gary Roberts '70; John Bramlett '71; Brent Adams '75-78; Robert Jackson '82; Brett Miller '83-88; Keith Alex '93; Dave Richards '94-95;

63

Jim Wilson '67; Bo Wood '67; Dick Enderle '69-71; Nick Bebout '73-75; Gregg Kindle '76; Mike Zele '79-83; Jeff Kiewel '85-87

64

Tom Harmon '67; Andy Mauer '70-73; Pat Howell '79-83; Joe Pellegrini '84-86; Jamie Dukes '87-93; Jeff Pahukoa '95-96

65

Lou Kirouac '66-67; Jack Kupp '67; Steve Duich '68; Bob Breitenstein '69-70; Lynn Gotshalk '72-76; Don Smith '79-84; Lawrence Pillars '85; Guy Bingham '89-91; Roman Fortin '93-97

66

Jim Simon '66-68; John Small '70-72; Ted Fritsch '73-75; Warren Bryant '78-83; Chuck Thomas '85; Billy Hinson '86; Joe Sims '91; Lincoln Kennedy '93-94

67

Dan Grimm '66-68; Malcolm Sinder '69-71; Walt Brett '76;Eric Sanders '81-86; Mark Mraz '87; Paul Oswald '88; Moe Gardner '91-96; Adam Schreiber '97

#67
Moe
Gardner

68

Bobby Richards '66-67; Dave Hettema '70; Frank Gallagher '73; Larry Bailey '74; Larron Jackson '75-76; R.C. Thielemann '77-84; Dennis Harrison '86-87; John Hunter '90;Mel Agee '92-95; Calvin Collins '97

69

Mike Lewis '71-79; Dan Benish '83-86; Houston Hoover '88-92; Thomas Williams '94; Gene Williams '95-97

70

Rich Marshall '66; Bob Hughes '67-69; Kenny Vineyard '70; Ron Lee '83;Mike Chapman '84; Willard Goff '85; Reggie Redding '91; Bob Whitfield '92-97

71

Joe Szczecko '66-68;John Zook '69-75; Steve George '76; Marv Montgomery '78; Mike Perko '82; Dan Dufour '83-84; Glen Howe '85-86; Chris Hinton '90; Bill Goldberg '92-94; Scott Adams '97

72

Don Talbert '66-68; Greg Lens '70-71; Jim Bailey '76-78; Matthew Teague '81; Andrew Provence '83-87; Oliver Barnett '90-92; Mike Zandofsky '94-96

73

Errol Linden '66-68; Randy Winkler '68; David Cahill '69; Phil McKinnely '76-80; Mike Simeta '83; Gary Burley '84; Leonard Mitchell '87-88; Mitch Willis '88; John Washington '92; Ernie Logan '93; Dunstan Anderson '94; Ethan Brooks '96

74

Karl Rubke '66-67; Art Strahan '68; Bill Sabatino '69; Jim Sullivan '70; Mike Tilleman '73-76; Wilson Faumuina '77-81; Mike Pitts '83-86; Dan Clayton '88-89; Tory Epps '90-92; Jeff Zgonina '96

75

Ed Cook '66-67; George Kunz '69-74; Jeff Merrow '75-83; Roy Harris '84-85 Tony Casillas '86-90; Chris Hinton '91-93; Irv Eatman '94; Lincoln Kennedy '95; Shane Dronett '97

#75
Jeff
Merrow

76

Guy Reese '66; Jim Gia Garcia '68; Mike Gann '85-93; Antone Davis '97

77

Chuck Sieminski '66-67; Bruce Bosley '69; Rosie Manning '72-75; Ron East '76; Edgar Fields '77-80; Doug Rodgers '82; Rick Bryan '84-92; Matt Willig '97

#77
Rick
Bryan

78

Rich Koeper '66; Jerry Shay '68-69; Greg Marx '73; Roy Hilton '75; Bill Windauer '76; Mike Kenn '78-94

79

Carlton Dabney '68; Cleo Walker '71; Chuck Walker '71-75; Jeff Yeates '76-84; Bill Fralic '85-91

80

Gary Barnes '66-67; Bob Jones '69; Todd Snyder '70-72; Louis Neal '73-74; Karl Farmer '76-77; Bob Long '80; Junior

Miller '80-83; Mike Landrum '84; Andre Rison '90-94; Tyrone Brown '95-96

81

Ralph Smith '69; Wes Chesson '71-73; Gerald Tinker '74-75; Bob Adams '76; Dennis Pearson '78-79; Billy Johnson '82-87; Michael Haynes '88-93; Terance Mathis '94-97

#81 Billy Johnson

82

Bob Sherlag '66; Bob Lee '69; Ken Burrow '71-75; Billy Ryckman '77-79; Stacey Bailey '82-90; Jason Phillips '91-93; Leonard Harris '94; Michael Haynes '97

83

Tom Hutchinson '66; Larry Mialik '72-74; James Wright '78-79; Floyd Hodge '82-84; Aubrey Matthews '86-88; Tony Jones '92; Ricky Sanders '94-95

84

Vern Burke '66; Mike Donohoe '68, '70-71; Thomas Geredine '73-74; Alfred Jenkins '75-83; Sylvester Stamps '84-88; Joey Jones '86; James Milling '88,90; Darryl Spencer '94; Freddie Scott '96; Mercury Hayes '97

85

Billy Martin '66-67; Paul Flatley '68-69; Ray Poage '71; Alfred Jackson '78-84; Anthony Allen '85-86; Lew Barnes '88; Shawn Collins '89-90; Drew Hill '92-93; David Mims '94; Roell Preston '95-96; Brian Kozlowski '97

86

Tommy Tolleson '66; Jim Mitchell '69-79; Mike Smith '80; Ben Young '83;Perry Tuttle '84; Floyd Dixon '86-91; Mitch Lyons '93-96; Ed Smith '97

87

Claude Humphrey '68-74, '76-78; Russ Mikeska '79-83 Cliff Benson '84-85; Ron Middleton '86-87; Danzell Lee '88-89; Gary Wilkins '89-90; James Milling '92; Bert Emanuel '94-97

88

Sam Williams '66-67; Glen Condren '69-72; Henry Childs '74; Greg McCrary '75-77; Lewis Gilbert '78-79; Clay Brown '82; Keith Krepfle '82; Arthur Cox '83-87; Alex Higdon '88; Troy Sadowski '90; Harper Le Bel '92-96;

89

Hugh McInnis '66;Rich Cas '68; Randy Marshall '70-71; Wallace Francis '75-81; Willie Curran '82-84; Charlie Brown '85-87; Jessie Hester '88 89; George Thomas '90-91; J.J. Birden '95-96; Todd Kinchen '97

#89 Charlie Brown

90

Chuck Smith '92-97

91

Aaron Brown '86-87; John Burrough '95-97

92

Ronnie Washington '85; George Yarno '88-89; Lester Archambeau '93-97

93

Aundray Bruce '88-91; Dan Owens '96-97

94

Charles Martin '88; Henri Crockett '97

95

Michael Reid '87-92; Pierce Holt '93-95

96

Johnnie Taylor '84-86; Rich Kraynak '87; Reggie Camp '88; Todd Kelly '96; Dan Sharp '87; Gary Wilkins '88-89; Jumpy Geathers '93-95; Anthony Pleasant '97

97

Cornelius Bennett '96

98

Greg Brown '87-88; Travis Hall '95-97

99

Tim Green '86-93; Darryl Talley '95; Nathan Davis '97

Falcons Punt Coverage Sets Record

With the excellent hang time of Dan Stryzinski's punts and coverage skills of players like Gary Downs, Bob Christian, Eddie Sutter, Ruffin Hamilton, Craig Sauer, and Juran Bolden, Atlanta's punt coverage team set a club record by allowing just 2.6 yards per return in 1997. Here's where that number ranks in team history.

RB Gary Downs led the Falcons in special teams tackles in '97.

2.6 in 1997 (21 for 55)	5.8 in 1988 (51 for 297)
4.5 in 1969 (38 for 171)	6.2 in 1973 (30 for 185)
4.5 in 1971 (26 for 117)	6.2 in 1968 (46 for 286)
5.3 in 1983 (34 for 179)	6.3 in 1979 (41 for 259)
5.4 in 1978 (56 for 305)	6.7 in 1970, '76 and '80
5.6 in 1966 (35 for 197)	7.6 in 1967 (54 for 408)

FALCONS DRAFT CHOICES

1966

1. Tommy Nobis, LB (1) ..... Texas
   Randy Johnson, QB (15) ..... Texas A&I
2. Nick Rassas, S ..... Notre Dame
   Jerry Jones, T ..... Bowling Green
3. Mike Dennis, RB ..... Mississippi
   Phil Sheridan, TE ..... Notre Dame
4. Ken Reaves, CB ..... Norfolk State
   Bill Asbury, RB ..... Kent State
5. Bill Wolski, RB ..... Notre Dame
   Martin Kahn, T ..... N. Texas State
6. Charlie Casey, WR ..... Florida
7. Bill Johnson, RB ..... Suwanee
8. Bill Goss, LB ..... Tulane
9. Bob Sanders, C ..... N. Texas State
10. Mike Bender, G ..... Arkansas
11. Steve Sloan, QB ..... Alabama
12. Ken Hollister, T ..... Indiana
13. Bob Collins, T ..... South Carolina
14. Steve Ecker, P ..... Shippensburg State
15. Tommy Tolleson, WR ..... Alabama
16. Jim Vining, G ..... Rice
17. Lurley Archambeau, C ..... Toledo
18. Doug Korver, C ..... State Col. of Iowa
19. Walt Mainer, CB-S ..... Xavier
20. Bob Riggle, S ..... Penn. State

1967

1. Choice traded to San Francisco
2. Leo Carroll, DE (31) ..... San Diego State
3. Jimmy Jordan, RB ..... Florida
4. Choice traded to Cleveland
5. Bill Delaney, TE ..... Amer. Internat'l.
   Randy Matson, DE .... Texas A&M(from S.F)
6. Choice traded to Baltimore
   Gene Snipes, WR ..... Elizabeth City (from Los Angeles)
   Martine Bercher, CB-S ..... Arkansa (from Baltimore)
7. Corey Colehour, QB ..... North Dakota
8. Choice traded to Washington
9. Bob Moten, WR ..... Bishop, Tex.
10. Dick Schafroth, T ..... Iowa
11. John Walker, LB ..... Jackson State
12. Bill Gentry, LB ..... North Carolina State
13. Sandor Szabo, K ..... Ithaca
14. Tom Bryan, RB ..... Auburn
15. Al Nicholas, RB ..... Sacramento State
16. Larry Chester, CB-S ..... Allen
17. Bill Buckner, QB ..... Delta State

1968

1. Claude Humphrey, DE (3) ..... Tenn. St.
2. Carlton Dabney, DT ..... Morgan State
   John Wright, WR ..... Illinois (from Green Bay through Los Angeles)
3. Choice traded to Chicago
4. Choice traded to St. Louis
5. Choice traded to Washington
6. Jim Hagle, RB ..... So. Methodist
   Joe Wynns, CB-S ..... S. Carolina State (from Pittsburgh)
   Rick Eber, WR ..... Tulsa (from Baltimore)
7. Choice traded to Minnesota
8. Ray Jeffords, TE ..... Georgia
9. Henry Holland, C ..... No. Texas State
10. Mike Tomasini, DT ..... Colorado State
11. Greg Brezina, LB ..... Houston
12. A.J. Vaughan, RB ..... Wayne State
13. Bill Harris, RB ..... Colorado
14. Joe Polk, RB ..... Livingstone, N.C.
15. Don Bean, WR ..... Houston
16. Roy Hall, T ..... San Jose State
17. Jim Schmidt, CB-S ..... San Francisco

1969

1. George Kunz, T (2) ..... Notre Dame
2. Paul Gipson, RB ..... Houston
3. Malcolm Snider, G ..... Stanford
   Jon Sandstrom, G ..... Oregon State (from N.Y. Giants through Los Angeles)
4. Jim Mitchell, TE ..... Prairie View
   Dicky Lyons, RB ..... Kentucky (from Balt)
5. Choice traded to Minnesota
   Tony Pleviak, DT ..... Illinois (from Dallas through Baltimore)
6. Choice traded to Los Angeles
   Wally Oyler, CB-S ..... Louisville (from Det.)
7. Dick Enderle, G ..... Minnesota
   Ted Cottrell, LB ..... Delaw. Valley (from Det)
8. Jim Callahan, WR ..... Temple
9. Choice traded to Baltimore
10. Jeff Stanciel, RB ..... Miss. Valley
11. Jeff Van Note, C ..... Kentucky
12. Denver Samples, DE ..... Texas-El Paso
13. Harry Carpenter, G ..... Tennessee State
14. Billy Hunt, CB-S ..... Kansas
15. Jim Weatherford, S ..... Tennessee
16. Ed Hughes, RB ..... Texas Southern
17. Paul Williams, WR ..... California

1970

1. John Small, LB (12) ..... Citadel
2. Art Malone, RB ..... Arizona State
3. Andy Maurer, G ..... Oregon
   Todd Synder, WR ..... Ohio U. (from NYG)
4. Paul Reed, T ... Johnson C. Smith (from Phil)
   Choice traded to St. Louis
5. Bruce Van Ness, RB ..... Rutgers (from Philadelphia through N.Y. Giants)
   Ken Mendenhall, C ..... Oklahoma
6. Mack Herron, RB ..... Kansas State
   Jade Butcher, WR ..... Indiana (from Wash)
   Randy Marshall, DE ..... Linfield (from L.A)
7. Choice traded to Los Angeles
   Gary Orcutt, WR .... S. California (from NYG)
8. Larry Brewer, TE ..... Louisiana Tech (from NYG)
   Seth Miller, S ..... Arizona State
9. Roy Robinson, CB-S ..... Montana
10. Jim Hatcher, CB-S ..... Kansas
11. Mike Brunson, WR-RB ..... Arizona State
12. Lonnie Holton, RB ..... Northern Michigan
13. Rick Stepanek, DT ..... Iowa
14. Chuck Wald, WR ..... No. Dakota State
15. Keith Mauney, CB-S ..... Princeton
16. Steve Parnell, WR ..... Massachusetts
17. Bill Bell, K ..... Kansas

1971

1. Joe Profit, RB (7) ..... N.E. Louisiana
2. Ken Burrow, WR ..... San Diego State
3. Leo Hart, QB ..... Duke
4. Mike Potchad, DT ..... Pittsburg State
5. Ray Jarvis, WR ..... Norfolk State
6. Tom Hayes, CB ..... San Diego State
   Ray Brown, S .... West Texas St. (from NYG)
7. Wes Chesson, WR ..... Duke
8. Dennis Havig, G ..... Colorado
9. Alvin Griffin, WR ..... Tuskegee
10. Faddie Tillman, DE ..... Boise State
11. Larry Shears, CB/S ..... Lincoln, Mo.
12. Ronny Lowe, WR ..... Fort Valley State
13. Dan Crooks, CB-S ..... Wisconsin
14. Deryl Comer, TE ..... Texas
15. Wallace Clark, RB ..... Auburn
16. Lindsey James, RB/TE ..... San Diego St.
17. Willie Martin, RB ..... Johnson C. Smith

FALCONS DRAFT CHOICES

1972

1. Clarence Ellis, S (15) ..... Notre Dame
2. Pat Sullivan, QB ..... Auburn
   (from Philadelphia through Detroit)
   Steve Okoniewski, T .... Montana (from Det.)
   Roosevelt Manning, DT ..... N.E. Okla.
3. Les Goodman, RB ..... Yankton, S.D.
4. Andy Howard, DT ..... Grambling
5. Bill Taylor, RB ..... Michigan (from Buff)
   Ralph Cindrich, LB ..... Pittsburgh
6. Mike Perfetti, P-S ..... Minnesota
   (from New England through N.Y. Giants)
   Fred Riley, WR ..... Idaho
   (choice reacquired from New Orleans)
7. Lance Moon, RB ..... Wisconsin
8. Hank Brandon, RB ..... Southern U.
9. Ray Easterling, S ..... Richmond
10. Choice traded to St. Louis
11. Jack Phillips, WR ..... Grambling
12. Larry Mialik, TE ..... Wisconsin
13. Henry Sovio, TE ..... Hawaii
14. Tom Chandler, LB ..... Minnesota
15. Oscar Jenkins, CB ..... Virginia Union
16. Larry Butler, LB ..... Stanford
17. Bill Holland, RB ..... So. California

1973

1. Choice traded to Houston
2. Greg Marx, DT (39) ..... Notre Dame
3. Choice traded to San Diego through Oakland
4. Thomas Geredine, WR ..... N.E. Mo. State
5. Choice traded to Washington
6. Nick Bebout, T ..... Wyoming
7. George Campbell, CB ..... Iowa St.
8. Tom Reed, G ..... Arkansas
9. Russ Ingram, C ..... Tex. Tech
10. Nick Mike-Mayer, K ..... Temple
11. Byron Buelow, DB ..... LaCrosse, Wis.
12. Mike Samples, DT ..... Drake
13. Chris Stecher, T ..... Claremont-Mudd
14. John Madeya, QB ..... Louisville
15. Tom Gage, DB ..... Lamar Tech
16. Rufus Ferguson, RB ..... Wisconsin
17. Jim Hodge, WR ..... Arkansas

1974

1. Traded choice and quarterback Bob Berry to Minnesota for veterans Bob Lee, a quarterback, and linebacker Lonnie Warwick.
2. Gerald Tinker, WR (44) ..... Kent State
3. Kim McQuilken, QB ..... Lehigh
   Maurice Spencer, DB ..... N. Carolin Central
4. Vince Kendrick, RB ..... Florida
5. Henry Childs, TE ..... Kansas State
   Monroe Eley, RB ..... Ariz. State
6. Doyle Orange, RB ..... Southern Miss.
7. James Coode, T ..... Michigan
8. Choice to Green Bay through New Orleans
9. Larry Bailey, DT ..... Pacific
10. Paul Ryczek, C ..... Virginia
11. Eddie Wilson, WR ..... Albany State
12. Vic Koegel, LB ..... Ohio State
13. Ralph Powell, RB ..... Nebraska
14. John Givens, G ..... Villanova
15. Willie Jones, WR ..... Iowa State
16. Sylvester McGee, RB ..... Rhode Island
17. Al Davis, G/T ..... Boise State

1975

1. Steve Bartkowski, QB (1) ..... California
2. Ralph Ortega, LB ..... Florida
3. Woody Thompson, RB ..... Miami
4. John Nessel, G ..... Penn. State
5. Greg McCrary, TE ..... Clark
6. Fulton Kuykendall, LB ..... UCLA
   Doug Payton, G ..... Colorado
7. Mike Esposito, RB ..... Boston College
8. Brent Adams, T ..... Univ. Tenn/C'nooga
9. Brad Davis, RB ..... LSU
10. Marshall Mills, WR ..... West Virginia
11. Jeff Merrow, DT ..... West Virginia
12. Alonza Pickett, T ..... Texas Southern
13. Cart Russ, LB ..... Michigan
14. Steve Robinson, DT ..... Tuskegee
15. Jimmy Robinson, WR ..... Georgia Tech
16. Steve Knutson, G ..... Southern Cal.
17. Mitch Anderson, QB ..... Northwestern

1976

1. Bubba Bean, RB (9) ..... Texas A&M
2. Sonny Collins, RB ..... Kentucky
3. Dave Scott, T ..... Kansas
4. Walt Brett, DE ..... Montana
5. Traded to Minnesota
6. Stan Varner, DT ..... Brigham Young
7. Karl Farmer, WR ..... Pittsburgh
8. Frank Reed, DB ..... Washington
9. Phil McKinnely, T ..... UCLA
10. No Selection
11. Chuck Brislin, T ..... Mississippi State
12. Pat Bolton, K ..... Montana State
13. Mike Williams, T ..... Florida
14. Mark Husfloen, DE ..... Washington State
15. Ron Olson, DB ..... Washington
16. Pat Curto, LB ..... Ohio State
17. Tony Green, DB ..... Texas Tech

1977

1. Warren Byrant, OT (6) ..... Kentucky
   Wilson Faumuina, DT (20) ... San Jose State
2. R.C. Thielemann, OG-C ..... Arkansas
3. Edgar Fields, DT-DE ..... Texas A&M
4. Allan Leavitt, KS ..... Georgia
5. Shelton Diggs, WR ..... So. California
6. Keith Jenkins, DB ..... Cincinnati
7. No selection
8. Walter Packer, WR ..... Mississippi State
9. John Maxwell, OT ..... Boston College
   Robert Speer, DE ..... Arkansas State
10. Billy Ryckman, WR ..... Louisiana Tech
11. Dave Farmer, RB ..... Southern California
12. Don Parrish, DE ..... Pittsburgh

1978

1. Mike Kenn, OT (13) ..... Michigan
2. Steve Stewart, LB ..... Minnesota
3. Stan Waldemore, OG ..... Nebraska
4. Brian Cabral, LB ..... Colorado
5. Dennis Pearson, WR ..... San Diego St.
6. Rodney Parker, WR ..... Tennessee St.
7. Alfred Jackson, WR ..... Texas
   James Wright, TE ..... Texas Christian
8. David Adkins, LB ..... Ohio St.
   David Williams, DB ..... Tennessee-Martin
9. Tom Pridemore, DB ..... West Virginia
10. Ricky Patton, RB ..... Jackson St.
    Ray Strong, RB ..... Nevada-Las Vegas
11. Milton "Scooter" Reed, DB ..... Baylor
12. Daria Butler, LB ..... Oklahoma St.

1979

1. Don Smith, DE (17) ..... Miami
2. Pat Howell, G ..... Southern California
3. James Mayberry, RB ..... Colorado
   William Andrews, RB ..... Auburn
4. Lynn Cain, RB ..... Southern California
   Charles Johnson, DB ..... Grambling
5. Mike Zele, DT ..... Kent State
6. Mike Moroski, QB ..... Cal-Davis

7. Roger Westlund, OT ..... Washington
8. Keith Miller, LB ..... NE Oklahoma
9. Dave Parkin, DB ..... Utah State
10. Bruce Beekley, LB ..... Oregon
11. Bill Leer, C ..... Colorado St.
12. Stuart Walker, LB ..... Colorado

1980

1. Junior Miller, TE (7) ..... Nebraska
2. Buddy Curry, LB ..... North Carolina
3. Earl Jones, CB ..... Norfolk State
4. Jim Laughlin, LB ..... Ohio State
   I.M. Hipp, RB ..... Nebraska
5. Brad Vassar, LB ..... Pacific
   Kenny Johnson, DB ..... Mississippi State
6. Mike Davis, DB ..... Colorado
7. Mike Smith, WR ..... Grambling
8. Al Richardson, LB ..... Georgia Tech
9. Glen Keller, C ..... West Texas State
10. Walt Bellamy, DB ..... V.M.I.
11. Mike Babb, DB ..... Oklahoma
12. Quinn Jones, RB ..... Tulsa

1981

1. Bobby Butler, CB (25) ..... Florida State
2. Lyman White, LB ..... Louisiana State
3. Scott Woerner, DB ..... Georgia
4. John Scully, C ..... Notre Dame
5. Eric Sanders, OT ..... Nevada-Reno
6. Harry Stanback, DT ..... North Carolina
7. Matthew Teague, DE ..... Prairie View
8. Cliff Toney, DC ..... Auburn
9. Calvin Fance, RB ..... Rice
10. Robert Murphy, DS ..... Ohio State
11. Keith Chappelle, WR ..... Iowa
12. Mark McCants, DS ..... Temple

1982

1. Gerald Riggs, RB (9) ..... Arizona State
2. Doug Rogers, DE ..... Stanford
3. Stacey Bailey, WR ..... San Jose State
4. Reggie Brown, RB ..... Oregon
5. Von Mansfield, DB ..... Wisconsin
6. Mike Kelley, QB ..... Georgia Tech
7. David Toloumu, RB ..... Hawaii
8. Ricky Eberhart, DB ..... Morris Brown
9. Mike Horan, P ..... Cal State-Long Beach
10. Curtis Stowers, LB ..... Mississippi State
11. Jeff Keller, WR ..... Washington State
12. Dave Levenick, LB ..... Wisconsin

1983

1. Mike Pitts, DE (16) ..... Alabama
2. James Britt, DB ..... LSU
3. Andrew Provence, DT ..... South Carolina
4. John Harper, LB ..... Southern Illinois
5. Brett Miller, OT ..... Iowa
6. Anthony Allen, WR ..... Washington
7. Jeff Turk, DB ..... Boise State
8. John Rade, LB ..... Boise State
9. Traded to Baltimore
10. Ralph Giacomarro, P ..... Penn State
11. John Salley, DB ..... Wyoming
12. Allama Matthews, TE ..... Vanderbilt

1984

1. Rick Bryan, DT (9) ..... Oklahoma
2. Scott Case, S ..... Oklahoma
   Thomas Benson, LB ..... Oklahoma
3. Rodney McSwain, DB ..... Clemson
4. Rydell Malancon, LB ..... LSU
5. Cliff Benson, TE ..... Purdue
6. Ben Bennett, QB ..... Duke
   Dan Ralph, DT ..... Oregon
7. Kirk Dodge, LB ..... Nevada-Las Vegas
8. Jeff Jackson, LB ..... Auburn
9. Glenn Howe, T ..... Southern Mississippi
10. Derrick Franklin, DB ..... Fresno State
11. Tommy Norman, WR ..... Jackson State
12. Don Holmes, WR ..... Colorado

***Supplemental Draft - June 5,1984**

1. Joey Jones, WR (9) ..... Alabama (Birmingham)
2. Mike McInnis, DT ..... Ark-Pine Bluff (Philadelphia)
3. Dennis Woodberry, DB . Southern Arkansas (Birmingham)

1985

1. Bill Fralic, T (2) ..... Pittsburgh
2. Mike Gann, DE ..... Notre Dame
3. Choice traded to Minnesota
4. Emile Harry, WR ..... Stanford
5. Choice traded to St. Louis
6. Reggie Pleasant, CB ..... Clemson
7. Choice traded to Cincinnati
8. Ashley Lee, S ..... Virginia Tech
   Ronnie Washington, LB ..... N.E. Louisiana
9. Micah Moon, LB ..... North Carolina
10. Brent Martin, C ..... Stanford
11. John Ayres, CB ..... Illinois
12. Ken Whisenhunt, TE ..... Georgia Tech

1986

1a. Tony Casillas, NT (2) ..... Oklahoma
1b. Tim Green, LB (17) ..... Syracuse
2. Traded to Washington in '85 for LB in '86
3. Traded earlier for QB Turk Schonert
4. Traded to L.A Raiders for Bret Clark, S ..... Nebraska
5. Traded to Philadelphia for LB Joel Williams
6a. Floyd Dixon, WR ..... Stephen F. Austin
6b. Keith Williams, RB ..... Missouri
7. Traded earlier to Philadelphia for LB Reggie Wilkes
8. Kevin Hudgens, DT ..... Idaho State
9. Kevin Starks, TE ..... Minnesota
10. Tony Baker, RB ..... East Carolina
11. Chris Hegg, QB ..... Missouri
12. Steve Griffin, WR ..... Purdue

1987

1. Chris Miller, QB (12) ..... Oregon
2. Kenny Flowers, RB ..... Clemson
3. Choice traded to Green Bay
4. Ralph Van Dyke, OT ..... Southern Illinois
5. Mark Mraz, DE ..... Utah State
6. Paul Kiser, OG ..... Wake Forest
7. Michael Reid, LB ..... Wisconsin
8. Curtis Taliaferro, LB ..... Virginia Tech
9. Terrence Anthony, CB ..... Iowa State
10. Jerry Reese, TE ..... Illinois
11. Elbert Shelley, S ..... Arkansas State
12. Larry Emery, RB ..... Wisconsin

1988

1. Aundray Bruce, LB (1) ..... Auburn
2. Marcus Cotton, LB ..... Southern California
3. Alex Higdon, TE ..... Ohio State
4. Choice traded to Philadelphia
5. Charles Dimry, DB ..... Nevada-Las Vegas
6a. George Thomas, WR .... Nevada-Las Vegas
6b. Houston Hoover, G ..... Jackson State
7. Michael Haynes, WR ..... Northern Arizona
8. Phillip Brown, LB ..... Alabama
9. James Primus, RB ..... UCLA
10. Stan Clayton, OT ..... Penn State
11. James Milling, WR ..... Maryland
12. Carter Wiley, S ..... Virginia Tech

FALCONS DRAFT CHOICES

1989

1a. Deion Sanders, CB (5) ..... Florida State
1b. Shawn Collins, WR (27) .... Northern Arizona
2. Ralph Norwood, OT ..... Louisiana State
3. Keith Jones, RB ..... Illinois
4. Choice traded to Cincinnati
5. Choice traded to L A Raiders
6. Troy Sadowski, TE ..... Georgia
7. Undra Johnson, RB ..... West Virginia
8. Paul Singer, QB ..... Western Illinois
9. Chris Dunn, LB ..... Cal-Poly SLO
10. Choice traded to Cincinnati
11. Greg Paterra, RB ..... Slippery Rock
12. Tony Bowick, NT ..... U. Tenn./Chatt.

1990

1. Steve Broussard, RB (20) Washington State
2. Darion Conner, LB ..... Jackson State
3. Oliver Barnett, DL ..... Kentucky
4. Reggie Redding, T ..... Cal State-Fullerton
5. Mike Pringle, RB ..... Cal State-Fullerton
6. Tory Epps, NT ..... Memphis State
7. Darrell Jordon, LB ..... Northern Arizona
8. Donnie Salum, LB ..... Arizona
9. Chris Ellison, S ..... Houston
10. Shawn McCarthy, P ..... Purdue

1991

1a. Bruce Pickens, CB (3) ..... Nebraska
1b. Mike Pritchard, WR (13) ..... Colorado
2. Brett Favre, QB ..... Southern Miss.
3. Choice traded to Miami
4. Moe Gardner, NT ..... Illinois
5. James Goode, LB. ..... Oklahoma
6. Erric Pegram, RB ..... N. Texas St
7a. Brian Mitchell, DB ..... BYU
7b. Mark Tucker, C ..... USC
8. Randy Austin, TE ..... UCLA
9. Ernie Logan, DE ..... East Carolina
10a. Walter Sutton, WR ..... S.W. Minnesota
10b. Pete Lucas, T ..... Stevens Pt., Wis
11. Joe Sims, NT ..... Nebraska
12. Bob Christain, RB ..... Northwestern

1992

1a. Bob Whitfield, OT (8th) ..... Stanford
1b. Tony Smith, RB ..... So. Mississippi
2. Chuck Smith, DE ..... Tennessee
3. Howard Dinkins, LB ..... Florida State
4. Frankie Smith, CB ..... Baylor
5. Choice traded to San Diego
6. Terry Ray, S ..... Oklahoma
7. Tim Paulk, LB ..... Florida
8a. Derrick Moore, RB ..... N.E. St. Oklahoma
8b. Reggie Dwight, TE ..... Troy State
9. Keith Alex, T/G ..... Texas A&M
10. Darryl Hardy, LB ..... Tennessee
11. Robin Jones, DE ..... Baylor

1993

1. Lincoln Kennedy, G/T (9th) ..... Washington
2. Roger Harper, S ..... Ohio State
3. Harold Alexander, P ..... Appalachian State
4. Choice traded to Green Bay
5. Ron George, LB ..... Stanford
6. Mitch Lyon, TE ..... Michigan State
7. Darnell Walker, CB ..... Oklahoma
8. Shannon Baker, WR ..... Florida State

1994

1. Traded No. 1 Pick (7th overall), No. 3 Pick (83rd overall), and a conditional 1996 Pick (#2) to Indianapolis for QB Jeff George.
2. Bert Emanuel, WR ..... Rice
3a. Anthony Phillips, CB ..... Texas A&I
3b. Alai Kalanjuvalu, G ..... Oregon State
4a. Perry Klein, QB ..... C.W. Post
4b. Mitch Davis, LB ..... Georgia
5. Harrison Houston, WR ..... Florida
6. Traded Pick to LA Raiders for RB Eric Dickerson
7. Jamal Anderson, FB ..... Utah

1995

1. Traded No. 1 Picks with Cleveland (10 for 26) to acquire Eric Metcalf
1. Devin Bush, S (26th) ..... Florida State
2. Ron Davis, CB ..... Tennessee
3. Lorenzo Styles, LB ..... Ohio State
4. Traded to Dallas to move up 5 places in Round 2
5. Roell Preston, WR ..... Mississippi
6. Travis Hall, DE ..... BYU
7. John Burrough, DT ..... Wyoming

1996

1. Traded to Indianapolis in '94 (Jeff George)
2. Traded to Oakland for S Patrick Bates
3. Shannon Brown, DT ..... Alabama
4a. Richard Huntley, RB ..... Winston-Salem
4b. Juran Bolden, CB ..... Mississippi St.
5. Traded to Cleveland in '95 for Gene Williams
5. Gary Bandy, DE ..... Baylor
6. Craig Sauer, LB ..... Minnesota
7. Ethan Brooks, T ..... Williams (MA)

1997

1. Michael Booker, CB (11th) ..... Nebraska
2a. Nathan Davis, DT ..... Indiana
2b. Byron Hanspard, RB ..... Texas Tech
3. O.J. Santiago, TE ..... Kent State
4. Henri Crockett, LB ..... Florida State
5. Marcus Wimberly, S ..... Miami
6. Calvin Collins, C ..... Texas A&M
7a. Tony Graziani, QB ..... Oregon
7b. Chris Bayne, S ..... Fresno State

Also acquired Chis Chandler from Oilers for 4th and 6th-round draft picks

1998

1. Keith Brooking, LB (12th) ..... Georgia Tech
2. Bob Hallen, C/G ..... Kent State
3. Jammi German, WR ..... Miami
4a. Omar Brown, S ..... North Carolina
4b. Tim Dwight, WR/KR ..... Iowa
6. Elijah Williams, CB ..... Florida
7a. Ephraim Salaam, T ..... San Diego State
7b. Ken Oxendine, RB ..... Virginia Tech
7c. Henry Slay, DT ..... West Virginia

FALCONS UNRESTRICTED FREE AGENCY HISTORY

1998

Players Acquired
T Corey Louchiey (Buffalo)
S Eugene Robinson (G.B.)
LB Ben Talley (NYG)
WR Keith Crawford (StL)
G Matt Elliott (Car)
CB Randy Fuller (Pitt)
QB Mark Rypien (StL)
DT Esera Tuaolo (Jacks)
C Dave Widell (Jacks)

Players Re-signed
K Morten Andersen
P Dan Stryzinski
QB Jim Miller (Det)
G Scott Adams
DT Shane Dronett
RB Harold Green
TE Brian Kozlowski
RB Gary Downs
LB Eddie Sutter
CB Lenny McGill

Players Departed
DT Dan Owens (Det)
QB Jim Miller (Det)
WR Bert Emanuel (T.B.)**

1997

Players Acquired
CB Ray Buchanan (Indy)**
TE Ed West (Philly)
FB Bob Christian (Car)
TE Brian Kozlowski (NYG)
RB Gary Downs (NYG)
S William White (K.C.)
LS Paschal Davis (StL)
WR Todd Kinchen (Den)
QB Tommy Maddox (NYG)
CB Ronnie Bradford (Ariz)
LB Mike Croel (Balt)
WR Michael Haynes (N.O.)
DE Anthony Pleasant (Balt)

Players Re-signed
DE Lester Archambeau
G Gene Williams
DE Todd Kelly
QB Billy Joe Tolliver
G Jeff Pahukoa
LB David Brandon

Players Departed
S Brad Edwards (GB)
RB Craig Heyward (StL)
DT Jeff Zgonina (StL)
TE Harper LeBel (G.B.)
TE Mitch Lyons (Pitt)
G Mike Zandofsky (Philly)
CB Darnell Walker (S.F.)
WR Eric Metcalf (S.D.)
LB Ron George (Minn)

1996

Players Acquired
LB Cornelius Bennett (Buff)
DT Dan Owens (Det)
DE Shane Dronett (Den)
S Louis Riddick (Balt)
LB Tracy Hayworth (Det)
LB James Williams (Jax)
LB David Brandon (S.D.)
T Antone Davis (Philly)

Players Re-signed
T Bob Whitfield
DE Chuck Smith
C Roman Fortin
S Brad Edwards
G Gene Williams
S Elbert Shelley
WR Terance Mathis
QB Bobby Hebert
LB Clay Matthews
DT Moe Gardner

Players Departed
DE Chris Doleman (S.F.)

1995

Players Acquired
K Morten Andersen (N.O.)
P Dan Stryzinski (T.B.)
WR J.J. Birden (K.C.)
LB Darryl Talley (Buff)
CB Terry Taylor (Sea)
S Rich Miano (Philly)
QB Browning Nagle (Indy)
G Jeff Pahukoa (StL)
WR Ricky Sanders (Miami)
G Rob Selby (Philly)
WR Nate Lewis (Chi)
G Eric Jonassen (S.D.)
OL Tom McHale (Phil)
RB Blair Thomas (Dallas)

Players Re-signed
TE Harper LeBel
QB Bobby Hebert
LB Ken Tippins
S Brad Edwards
CB Elbert Shelley
S Alton Montgomery
DE Mel Agee
WR Lenny Harris
LB Ron George
DB Darnell Walker
DE Chuck Smith

Players Departed
WR Clarence Verdin (T.B.)
S Brett Maxie (Car)
WR Andre Rison (Clev)
RB Erric Pegram (Pitt)
WR Ricky Sanders (Miami)

1994

Players Acquired
WR Terance Mathis (NYJ)
RB Craig Heyward (Chi)
T Dave Richards (Det)
CB D.J. Johnson (Pitt)
G Mike Zandofsky (S.D.)
LB Clay Matthews (Clev)
S Kevin Ross (K.C.)
S Brad Edwards (Wash)
G Jim Ritcher (Buff)

Players Re-signed
DE Lester Archambeau
G Roman Fortin
S Charles Washington
TE Harper LeBel
T Mike Kenn
QB Bobby Hebert
CB Lemuel Stinson
LB Ken Tippins
RB Erric Pegram
C Mike Reuther
QB Bob Gagliano
CB Elbert Shelley
S Scott Case

Players Departed
G/T Chris Hinton (Minn)
QB Chris Miller (L.A. Rams)
WR Michael Haynes (N.O.)
LB Darion Conner (N.O.)

1993

Players Acquired
QB Bobby Hebert (N.O.)
DT Jumpy Geathers (Wash)
*DT Pierce Holt (S.F.)***
CB Melvin Jenkins (Det)

Players Re-signed
S Tracey Eaton
DE Mike Gann
DE Tim Green
WR Drew Hill
CB Elbert Shelley

Players Departed
G Bill Fralic (Det)
T Houston Hoover (Cle)
QB Wade Wilson (N.O.)

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Recent Trades and Major Trades in Team History

Year	Acquired	Gave Up
1997	#1 (11),#2 (41),#3 (70), and #4 (100) CB Michael Booker, RB Byron Hauspard, TE O.J. Santiago, LB Henri Crockett	#1 (3rd) and #3 (63) to Seattle CB Shawn Springs-Trade to move up six places with Tampa to get #1 used on T Walter Jones
1997	#6 (180) and #7 (222) C Calvin Collins and S Chris Bayne	#5 (140) to Washington. Pick was obtained from Oakland for Lincoln Kennedy
1997	Chris Chandler (Made Pro Bowl)	#4 (98th) and #6 picks (165th) to Houston; WR Derrick Mason-Trade up-DE Pratt Lyons
1996	S Patrick Bates	#2 (48) to Oakland. Used with #1 and #4 to trade to Houston - Took TE Rickey Dudley
1996	#4 (127) and #5 (164) CB Juran Bolden and DE Gary Bandy	S Roger Harper to Dallas
1996	G Gene Williams	#5 in '96 (WR Jermaine Lewis)
1995	WR Eric Metcalf and # 1 (26) used on S Devin Bush	#1 (10th). Cleveland traded to S.F. for #1 in '95 (S.F. took J.J. Stokes) Cleve got LB Craig Powell in '95, LB Ray Lewis in '96, WR Mike Miller in '95, LB Tyrus McCloud
1994	QB Jeff George	#1, #3 in '94, #1 in '95 to Colts. Used on LB Trev Alberts, T Jason Matthews, WR Marvin Harrison
1994	DE Chris Doleman and #2 pick (WR Bert Emanuel)	#2 in '94 (KR David Palmer) and #1 in '95 (DE Derrick Alexander)
1994	#1 in '95 and #3 in '94 (traded for Doleman, drafted G Alai Kalanuvalu	WR Mike Pritchard and #7 to Denver Pick used on WR Byron Chamberlain
1993	DE Lester Archambeau	WR James Milling to Green Bay
1992	#2 (DE Chuck Smith) and #8 (TE Reggie Dwight)	DT Tony Casillas to Dallas
1992	#1 (17 overall) #1 (19 overall - Tony Smith) and #4 (104 overall - Frankie Smith)	QB Brett Favre to Green Bay #1 (17 overall) to Dallas #5 (120 overal) to Dallas
1991	CB Tim McKyer	#3 to Miami (RB Aaron Craver)
1990	WR Andre Rison, T Chris Hinton, #1 in '91 (WR Mike Pritchard) and #5 in '91 (T Reggie Redding)	#1 (QB Jeff George) and #4 (WR Stacey Simmons) to Colts
1989	#1 (27) WR Shawn Collins	#2 (RB Eric Ball), #4 LB (Kerry Owens) and #10 (DB Cornell Holloway)

FALCONS TRADE HISTORY

1989	#1 in '90 (20) RB Steve Broussard and #2 in '89 (T Ralph Norwood)	RB Gerald Riggs to Washington
1986	#1 in '86 (17)LB Tim Green and #2 in '85 (45)DE Mike Gann	#2 in '85 (33) CB Tory Nixon and #2 in '86 (30) DE Markus Koch to Washington
1985	#1 in '85 (2) T Bill Fralic	#1 in '85 (4) DE Chris Doleman and #3 in '85 (60) LB Tim Meamber to Minn.
1975	#1 in '75 (Steve Bartkowski) #6 in '75 (Fulton Kuykendall)	T George Kunz and #1 (3) in '75 (T Ken Huff Ken Huff) to Colts
1974	QB Bob Lee and LB Lonnie Warwick	#1 (17) LB Fred McNeill and QB Bob Berry to Minn
1973	DT Mike Tilleman	#1 pick (14) RB George Amundson to Hous.
1972	RB Dave Hampton (1,000 yard runner and Pro Bowler)	LB Malcolm Snider to Green Bay
1967	WR Bernie Casey, T Jim Wilson, DE Jim Norton	#1 pick (3) QB Steve Spurrier to S.F.

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From kickoff this fall Super Bowl XXXIV in Atlanta is just over 16 months away and closing in. For Atlanta, it marks the second time the city has played host for the big game and will be the first one of the new century.

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- Throwbacks Bowl
- Passion for Fashion
- Taste of the NFL
- Spirit Cheerleader Clinics
- MTV Rock'n Jock Bowl
- Habitat for Humanity House
- Golf Tournaments
- Super Bowl Parties

SERIES VS. OPPONENTS

ATLANTA vs. ARIZONA

Cardinals lead series, 13-5
1966-Falcons, 16-10 (A)
1968-Cardinals, 17-12 (StL)
1971-Cardinals, 26-9 (A)
1973-Cardinals, 32-10 (A)
1975-Cardinals, 23-20 (StL)
1978-Cardinals, 42-21 (StL)
1980-Falcons, 33-27 (StL) (overtime)
1981-Falcons, 41-20 (A)
1982-Cardinals, 23-20 (A)
1986-Falcons, 33-13 (A)
1987-Cardinals, 34-21 **(A)**
1989-Cardinals, 34-20 (P)
1990-Cardinals, 24-13 (A)
1991-Cardinals, 16-10 (P)
1992-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
1993-Cardinals, 27-10 (A)
1994-Falcons, 10-6 (A)
1995-Cards, 40-37 (P) OT
1997-Cardinals, 29-26 (P)
(Points-Cardinals 470, Falcons 382)

ATLANTA vs. BUFFALO

Bills lead series, 4-3
1973-Bills, 17-6 (A)
1977-Bills, 3-0 (B)
1980-Falcons, 30-14 (B)
1983-Falcons, 31-14 (A)
1989-Falcons, 30-28 (A)
1992-Bills, 41-14 (B)
1995-Bills, 23-17 (B)
(Points-Bills 140, Falcons 128)

ATLANTA vs. CAROLINA

Panthers lead series, 4-2
1995-Falcons, 23-20 (A)
Panthers, 21-17 (C)
1996-Panthers, 29-6 (C)
Falcons, 20-17 (A)
1997-Panthers, 9-6 (A)
Panthers, 21-12 (C)
(Points-Panthers 117, Falcons 84)

ATLANTA vs. CHICAGO

Series fied, 9-9
1966-Bears, 23-6 (C)
1967-Bears, 23-14 (A)
1968-Falcons, 16-13 (C)
1969-Falcons, 48-31 (A)
1970-Bears, 23-14 (A)
1972-Falcons, 37-21 (C)
1973-Falcons, 46-6 (A)
1974-Falcons, 13-10 (A)
1976-Falcons, 10-0 (C)
1977-Falcons, 16-10 (C)
1978-Bears, 13-7 (C)
1980-Falcons, 28-17 (A)
1983-Falcons, 20-17 (C)
1985-Bears, 36-0 (C)
1986-Bears, 13-10 (A)
1990-Bears, 30-24 (A)
1992-Bears, 41-31 (C)
1993-Bears, 6-0 (C)
(Points-Falcons 340, Bears 333)

ATLANTA vs. CINCY

Bengals lead series, 7-2
1971-Falcons, 9-6 (C)
1975-Bengals, 21-14 (A)
1978-Bengals, 37-7 (C)
1981-Bengals, 30-28 (A)
1984-Bengals, 35-14 (C)
1987-Bengals, 16-10 (A)
1990-Falcons, 38-17 (A)
1993-Bengals, 21-17 (C)
1996-Bengals, 41-31 (C)
(Points-Bengals 224, Falcons 168)

ATLANTA vs. CLEVELAND (old team)

Browns lead series, 8-2
1966-Browns, 49-17 (A)
1968-Browns, 30-7 (C)
1971-Falcons, 31-14 (C)
1976-Browns, 20-17 (A)
1978-Browns, 24-16 (A)
1981-Browns, 28-17 (C)
1984-Browns, 23-7 (A)
1987-Browns, 38-3 (C)
1990-Browns, 13-10 (C)
1993-Falcons, 17-14 (A)
(Points-Browns 253, Falcons 142)

ATLANTA vs. DALLAS

Cowboys lead series, 13-6
1966-Cowboys, 47-14 (A)
1967-Cowboys, 37-7 (D)
1969-Cowboys, 24-17 (A)
1970-Cowboys, 13-0 (D)
1974-Cowboys, 24-0 (A)
1976-Falcons, 17-10 (A)
1978-Cowboys, 27-20 (D)
1980-Cowboys, 30-27 (A)
1985-Cowboys, 24-10 (D)
1986-Falcons, 37-35 (D)
1987-Falcons, 21-10 (D)
1988-Cowboys, 26-20 (D)
1989-Falcons, 27-21 (A)
1990-Falcons, 26-7 (A)
1991-Cowboys, 31-27 (D)
1992-Cowboys, 41-17 (A)
1993-Falcons, 27-14 (A)
1995-Cowboys, 28-13 (A)
1996-Cowboys, 32-28 (D)
(Points-Cowboys 481, Falcons 355)

ATLANTA vs. DENVER

Broncos lead series, 6-3
1970-Broncos, 24-10 (D)
1972-Falcons, 23-20 (A)
1975-Falcons, 35-21 (A)
1979-Bron, 20-17 (A) OT
1982-Falcons, 34-27 (D)
1985-Broncos, 44-28 (A)
1988-Broncos, 30-14 (D)
1994-Broncos, 32-28 (D)
1997-Broncos, 29-21 (A)
(Points-Broncos 247, Falcons 210)

ATLANTA vs. DETROIT

Lions lead series, 20-6
1966-Lions, 28-10 (D)
1967-Lions, 24-3 (D)
1968-Lions, 24-7 (A)
1969-Lions, 27-21 (D)
1971-Lions, 41-38 (D)
1972-Lions, 26-23 (A)
1973-Lions, 31-6 (D)
1975-Lions, 17-14 (A)
1976-Lions, 24-10 (D)
1977-Falcons, 17-6 (A)
1978-Falcons, 14-0 (A)
1979-Lions, 24-23 (D)
1980-Falcons, 43-28 (A)
1983-Falcons, 30-14 (D)
1984-Lions, 27-24 (A) OT
1985-Lions, 28-27 (A)
1986-Falcons, 20-6 (D)
1987-Lions, 30-13 (A)
1988-Lions, 31-17 (D)
1989-Lions, 31-24 (A)
1990-Lions, 21-14 (A)
1993-Lions, 30-13 (D)
1994-Lions, 31-28 (D) OT
1995-Falcons, 34-22 (A)
1996-Lions, 28-24 (D)
1997-Lions, 28-17 (D)
(Points-Lions 627, Falcons 514)

ATLANTA vs. GREEN BAY

Packers lead series, 11-9
1966-Packers, 56-3 (Mil)
1967-Packers, 23-0 (Mil)
1968-Packers, 38-7 (A)
1969-Packers, 28-10 (GB)
1970-Packers, 27-24 (GB)
1971-Falcons, 28-21 (A)
1972-Falcons, 10-9 (Mil)
1974-Falcons, 10-3 (A)
1975-Packers, 22-13 (GB)
1976-Packers, 24-20 (A)
1979-Falcons, 25-7 (A)
1981-Falcons, 31-17 (GB)
1982-Packers, 38-7 (A)
1983-Falcons, 47-41 (A) (overtime)
1988-Falcons, 20-0 (A)
1989-Packers, 23-21 (Mil)
1991-Falcons, 35-31 (A)
1992-Falcons, 24-10 (A)
1994-Packers, 21-17 (Mil)
1995-Packers 37-20 (GB - playoff)
(Points-Packers 476, Falcons 372)

ATLANTA vs. JACKSONVILLE

Jaguars lead series, 1-0
1996-Jaguars, 19-17 (J)

ATLANTA vs. INDIANAPOLIS

Colts lead series, 10-0
1966-Colts, 19-7 (A)
1967-Colts, 38-31 (B)
Colts, 49-7 (A)
1968-Colts, 28-20 (A)
Colts, 44-0 (B)
1969-Colts, 21-14 (A)
Colts, 13-6 (B)
1974-Colts, 17-7 (A)
1986-Colts, 28-23 (A)
1989-Colts, 13-9 (I)
(Points-Colts 270, Falcons 124)

ATLANTA vs. K.C.

Chiefs lead series, 4-0
1972-Chiefs, 17-14 (A)
1985-Chiefs, 38-10 (KC)
1991-Chiefs, 14-3 (KC)
1994-Chiefs, 30-10 (A)
(Points-Chiefs 99, Falcons 37)

ATLANTA vs. MIAMI

Dolphins lead series, 6-1
1970-Dolphins, 20-7 (A)
1974-Dolphins, 42-7 (M)
1980-Dolphins, 20-17 (A)
1983-Dolphins, 31-24 (M)
1986-Falcons, 20-14 (M)
1992-Dolphins, 21-17 (M)
1995-Dolphins, 21-20 (M)
(Points-Dolphins 169, Falcons 112)

ATLANTA vs. MINNESOTA

Vikings lead series, 13-6
1966-Falcons, 20-13 (M)
1967-Falcons, 21-20 (A)
1968-Vikings, 47-7 (M)
1969-Falcons, 10-3 (A)
1970-Vikings, 37-7 (A)
1971-Vikings, 24-7 (M)
1973-Falcons, 20-14 (A)
1974-Vikings, 23-10 (M)
1975-Vikings, 38-0 (M)
1977-Vikings, 14-7 (A)
1980-Vikings, 24-23 (M)
1981-Falcons, 31-30 (A)
1982-Vikings, 30-24 (M)
1984-Vikings, 27-20 (M)
1985-Falcons, 14-13 (A)
1987-Vikings, 24-13(M)
1989-Vikings, 43-17 (M)
1991-Vikings, 20-19 (A)
1996-Vikings, 23-17 (A)
(Points-Vikings 467, Falcons 287)

ATLANTA vs. NEW ENGLAND

Falcons lead series, 5-3
1972-Patriots, 21-20 (NE)
1977-Patriots, 16-10 (A)
1980-Falcons, 37-21 (NE)
1983-Falcons, 24-13 (A)
1986-Patriots, 25-17 (NE)
1989-Falcons, 16-15 (A)
1992-Falcons, 34-0 (A)
1995-Falcons, 30-17 (A)
(Points-Falcons 188, Patriots 128)

ATLANTA vs. NEW ORLEANS

Falcons lead series, 34-24
1967-Saints, 27-24 (NO)
1969-Falcons, 45-17 (A)
1970-Falcons, 14-3 (NO)
Falcons, 32-14 (A)
1971-Falcons, 28-6 (A)
Falcons, 24-20 (NO)
1972-Falcons, 21-14 (NO)
Falcons, 36-20 (A)
1973-Falcons, 62-7 (NO)
Falcons, 14-10 (A)
1974-Saints, 14-13 (NO)
Saints, 13-3 (A)
1975-Falcons, 14-7 (A)
Saints, 23-7 (NO)
1976-Saints, 30-0 (NO)
Falcons, 23-20 (A)
1977-Saints, 21-20 (NO)
Falcons, 35-7 (A)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (NO)
Falcons, 20-17 (A)
1979-Falcons, 40-34 (NO)
Saints, 37-6 (A)
1980-Falcons, 41-14 (NO)
Falcons, 31-13 (A)
1981-Falcons, 27-0 (A)
Falcons, 41-10 (NO)
1982-Falcons, 35-0 (A)
Saints, 35-6 (NO)
1983-Saints, 19-17 (A)
Saints, 27-10 (NO)
1984-Falcons, 36-28 (NO)
Saints, 17-13 (A)
1985-Falcons, 31-24 (A)
Falcons, 16-10 (NO)
1986-Falcons, 31-10 (NO)
Saints, 14-9 (A)
1987-Saints, 38-0 (A)
1988-Saints, 29-21 (A)
Saints, 10-9 (NO)
1989-Saints, 20-13 (NO)
Saints, 26-17 (A)
1990-Falcons, 28-27 (A)
Saints, 10-7 (NO)
1991-Saints, 27-6 (A)
Falcons, 23-20 (NO)
Falcons, 27-20 (NO)
(Playoffs)
1992-Saints, 10-7 (A)
Saints, 22-14 (NO)
1993-Saints, 34-31 (A)
Falcons, 26-15 (NO)
1994-Saints, 33-32 (NO)
Saints, 29-20 (A)
1995-Falcons, 27-24 (NO)
(overtime)
Falcons, 19-14 (A)
1996-Falcons, 17-15 (A)
Falcons, 31-15 (NO
1997-Falcons, 23-17 (NO)
Falcons, 20-3 (A)
(Points-Falcons 1242, Saints 1025)

ATLANTA vs. N.Y. GIANTS

Series Tied, 6-6
1966-Falcons, 27-16 (NY)
1968-Falcons, 24-21 (A)
1971-Giants, 21-17 (A)
1974-Falcons, 14-7
(New Haven)
1977-Falcons, 17-3 (A)
1978-Falcons, 23-20 (A)
1979-Giants, 24-3 (NY)
1981-Giants, 27-24 (A) OT
1982-Falcons, 16-14 (NY)
1983-Giants, 16-13 (A) OT
1984-Giants, 19-7 (A)
1988-Giants, 23-16 (A)
(Points-Giants 211, Falcons 201)

ATLANTA vs. N.Y. JETS

Falcons lead series, 4-3
1973-Falcons, 28-20 (NY)
1980-Jets, 14-7 (A)
1983-Falcons, 27-21 (NY)
1986-Jets, 28-14 (A)
1989-Jets, 27-7 (NY)
1992-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
1995-Falcons, 13-3 (A)
(Points-Jets 120, Falcons 116)

ATLANTA vs. OAKLAND

Raiders lead series, 6-3
1971-Falcons, 24-13 (A)
1975-Raiders, 37-34 (O)
(overtime)
1979-Raiders, 50-19 (O)
1982-Raiders, 38-14 (A)
1985-Raiders, 34-24 (A)
1988-Falcons, 12-6 (LA)
1991-Falcons, 21-17 (A)
1994-Raiders, 30-17 (LA)
1997-Raiders, 36-31 (A)
(Points-Raiders 261, Falcons 196)

ATLANTA vs. PHILADELPHIA

Series is tied, 9-9-1
1966-Eagles, 23-10 (P)
1967-Eagles, 38-7 (A)
1969-Falcons, 27-3 (P)
1970-Tie, 13-13 (P)
1973-Falcons, 44-27 (P)
1976-Eagles, 14-13 (A)
1978-Falcons, 14-13 (A)
1979-Falcons, 14-10 (P)
1980-Falcons, 20-17 (P)
1981-Eagles, 16-13 (P)
1983-Eagles, 28-24 (A)
1984-Falcons, 26-10 (A)
1985-Eagles, 23-17 (P)
1986-Eagles, 16-0 (A)
1988-Falcons, 27-24 (P)
1990-Eagles, 24-23 (A)
1994-Falcons 28-21 (A)
1996-Eagles, 33-18 (A)
1997-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
(Points-Eagles 370, Falcons 358)
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ATLANTA vs. PITTSBURGH

Steelers lead series, 10-1
1966-Steelers, 57-33 (A)
1968-Steelers, 41-21 (A)
1970-Falcons, 27-16 (A)
1974-Steelers, 24-17 (P)
1978-Steelers, 31-7 (P)
1981-Steelers, 34-20 (A)
1984-Steelers, 35-10 (P)
1987-Steelers, 28-12 (A)
1990-Steelers, 21-9 (P)
1993-Steelers, 45-17 (A)
1996-Steelers, 20-17 (A)
(Points-Steelers 352, Falcons 190)

ATLANTA vs. SAN DIEGO

Falcons lead series, 5-1
1973-Falcons, 41-0 (SD)
1979-Falcons, 28-26 (SD)
1988-Chargers, 10-7 (A)
1991-Falcons, 13-10 (SD)
1994-Falcons, 10-9 (A)
1997-Falcons, 14-3 (SD)
(Points-Falcons 113, Chargers 58)

ATLANTA vs. SAN FRANCISCO

49ers lead series, 39-22-1
1966-49ers, 44-7 (A)
1967-49ers, 38-7 (SF)
49ers, 34-28 (A)
1968-49ers, 28-13 (SF)
49ers, 14-12 (A)
1969-Falcons, 24-12 (A)
Falcons, 21-7 (SF)
1970-Falcons, 21-20 (A)
49ers, 24-20 (SF)
1971-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
49ers, 24-3 (SF)
1972-49ers, 49-14 (A)
49ers, 20-0 (SF)
1973-49ers, 13-9 (A)
Falcons, 17-3 (SF)
1974-49ers, 16-10 (A)
49ers, 27-0 (SF)
1975-Falcons, 17-3 (SF)
Falcons, 31-9 (A)
1976-49ers, 15-0 (SF)
Falcons, 21-16 (A)
1977-Falcons, 7-0 (SF)
49ers, 10-3 (A)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (SF)
Falcons, 21-10 (A)
1979-49ers, 20-15 (SF)
Falcons, 31-21 (A)
1980-Falcons, 20-17 (SF)
Falcons, 35-10 (A)
1981-Falcons, 34-17 (A)
49ers, 17-14 (SF)
1982-Falcons, 17-7 (SF)
1983-49ers, 24-20 (SF)
Falcons, 28-24 (A)
1984-49ers, 14-5 (SF)
49ers, 35-17 (A)
1985-49ers, 35-16 (SF)
49ers, 38-17 (A)
1986-Tie, 10-10 (A)
49ers, 20-0 (SF)
1987-49ers, 25-17 (A)
49ers, 35-7 (SF)
1988-Falcons, 34-17 (SF)
49ers, 13-3 (A)
1989-49ers, 45-3 (SF)
49ers, 23-10 (A)
1990-49ers, 19-13 (SF)
49ers, 45-35 (A)
1991-Falcons, 39-34 (SF)
Falcons, 17-14 (A)
1992-49ers, 56-17 (SF)
49ers, 41-3 (A)
1993-49ers, 37-30 (SF)
Falcons, 27-24 (A)
1994-49ers, 42-3 (A)
49ers, 50-14 (SF)
1995-49ers, 41-10 (SF)
Falcons, 28-27 (A)
1996-49ers, 39-17 (SF)
49ers, 34-10 (A)
1997-49ers, 34-7 (SF)
49ers, 35-28 (A)
(Points-49ers 1448, Falcons 940)

ATLANTA vs. SEATTLE

Seahawks lead series, 4-2
1976-Seahawks, 30-13 (S)
1979-Seahawks, 31-28 (A)
1985-Seahawks, 30-26 (S)
1988-Seahawks, 31-20 (A)
1991-Falcons, 26-13 (A)
1997-Falcons, 24-17 (S)
(Points-Seahawks 152, Falcons 137)

ATLANTA vs. ST. LOUIS

Rams lead series, 39-21-2
1966-Rams, 19-14 (A)
1967-Rams, 31-3 (A)
Rams, 20-3 (LA)

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1968-Rams, 27-14 (LA)
Rams, 17-10 (A)
1969-Rams, 17-7 (LA)
Rams, 38-6 (A)
1970-Tie, 10-10 (LA)
Rams, 17-7 (A)
1971-Tie, 20-20 (LA)
Rams, 24-16 (A)
1972-Falcons, 31-3 (A)
Rams, 20-7 (LA)
1973-Rams, 31-0 (LA)
Falcons, 15-13 (A)
1974-Rams, 21-0 (LA)
Rams, 30-7 (A)
1975-Rams, 22-7 (LA)
Rams, 16-7 (A)
1976-Rams, 30-14 (A)
Rams, 59-0 (LA)
1977-Falcons, 17-6 (A)
Rams, 23-7 (LA)
1978-Rams, 10-0 (LA)
Falcons, 15-7 (A)
1979-Rams, 20-14 (LA)
Rams, 34-13 (A)
1980-Falcons, 13-10 (A)
Rams, 20-17 (LA) OT
1981-Rams, 37-35 (A)
Rams, 21-16 (LA)
1982-Falcons, 34-17 (A)
1983-Rams, 27-21 (LA)
Rams, 36-13 (A)
1984-Falcons, 30-28 (LA)
Rams, 24-10 (A)
1985-Rams, 17-6 (LA)
Falcons, 30-14 (A)
1986-Falcons, 26-14 (A)
Rams, 14-7 (LA)
1987-Falcons, 24-20 (A)
Rams, 33-0 (LA)
1988-Rams, 33-0 (A)
Rams, 22-7 (LA)
1989-Rams, 31-21 (A)
Rams, 26-14 (LA)
1990-Rams, 44-24 (LA)
Falcons, 20-13 (A)
1991-Falcons, 31-14 (A)
Falcons, 31-14 (LA)
1992-Falcons, 30-28 (A)
Rams, 38-27 (LA)
1993-Falcons, 30-24 (A)
Falcons, 13-0 (LA)
1994-Falcons, 31-13 (A)
Falcons, 8-5 (LA)
1995-Rams, 21-19 (StL)
Falcons, 31-6 (A)
1996-Rams, 59-16 (StL)
Rams, 34-27 (A)
1997-Falcons, 34-31 (A)
Falcons, 27-21 (StL)
(Points-Rams 1405, Falcons 987)

ATLANTA vs. TAMPA

Falcons lead series, 8-7
1977-Falcons, 17-0 (TB)
1978-Bucs, 14-9 (TB)
1979-Falcons, 17-14 (A)
1981-Bucs, 24-23 (TB)
1984-Bucs, 23-6 (TB)
1986-Falcons, 23-20 (TB)
1987-Bucs, 48-10 (TB)
1988-Falcons, 17-10 (A)
1990-Bucs, 23-17 (TB)
1991-Falcons, 43-7 (A)
1992-Falcons, 35-7 (TB)
1993-Bucs, 31-24 (A)
1994-Falcons, 34-13 (A)
1995-Falcons, 24-21 (TB)
1997-Bucs, 31-10 (A)
(Points-Falcons 309, Buccaneers 286)

ATLANTA vs. TENNESSEE

Falcons lead series, 5-4
1972-Falcons, 20-10 (A)
1976-Oilers, 20-14 (H)
1978-Falcons, 20-14 (A)
1981-Falcons, 31-27 (H)
1984-Falcons, 42-10 (A)
1987-Oilers, 37-33 (H)
1990-Falcons, 47-27 (A)
1993-Oilers, 33-17 (H)
1996-Oilers, 23-13 (A)
(Points-Falcons 247, Oilers 191)

ATLANTA vs. WASHINGTON

Redskins lead series, 14-4-1
1966-Redskins, 33-20 (W)
1967-Tie, 20-20 (A)
1969-Redskins, 27-20 (W)
1972-Redskins, 24-13 (W)
1975-Redskins, 30-27 (A)
1977-Redskins, 10-6 (W)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
1979-Redskins, 16-7 (A)
1980-Falcons, 10-6 (A)
1983-Redskins, 37-21 (W)
1984-Redskins, 27-14 (W)
1985-Redskins, 44-10 (A)
1987-Falcons, 21-20 (A)
1989-Redskins, 31-30 (A)
1991-Redskins, 56-17 (W)
1991-Redskins, 24-7 (W) (Playoff)
1992-Redskins, 24-17 (W)
1993-Redskins, 30-17 (W)
1994-Falcons, 27-20 (W)
(Points-Redskins 496, Falcons 324)

FALCONS VICTORIES ON PRIME TIME TV

DATE	SCORE	FOLLOWING WEEK
Nov. 22, 1971 (Mon. - ABC)	**Atlanta 28, Green Bay 21 at Atlanta (58,850)** Bob Berry completes club record 16 of 21 passes	Minnesota 24 Atlanta 7
Nov. 19, 1973 (Mon. - ABC)	**Atlanta 20, Minnesota 14 at Atlanta (58,850)** QB Bob Lee is hero as Falcons trip unbeaten Vikes	Atlanta 28 N.Y. Jets 20
Oct. 30, 1978 (Mon. - ABC)	**Atlanta 15, Los Angeles 7 at Atlanta (57,250)** Mazzetti's five field goals provide all of Atlanta points	Atlanta 21 San Francisco 10
Sept. 10, 1979 (Mon. - ABC)	**Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 10 at Philadelphia (66,935)** Andrews gains 121 rushing yards to key win	Denver 20 Atlanta 17
Nov. 23, 1981 (Mon. - ABC)	**Atlanta 31, Minnesota 30 at Atlanta (54,086)** Four interceptions, one returned for TD by Buddy Curry clinches victory	Atlanta 31 Houston 27
Dec. 19, 1982 (Sunday)	**Atlanta 17, San Francisco 7 at San Francisco (53,234)** Andrews rushes for 108 yards as Falcons claim NFC playoff berth	Green Bay 38 Atlanta 7
Oct. 28, 1990 (Sun. - TNT)	**Atlanta 38, Cincinnati 17 at Atlanta (53,214)** Sanders sets new club record with 79 yard TD Punt Return	Pittsburgh 21 Atlanta 9
Nov. 24, 1991 (Sunday Night)	**Atlanta 23, New Orleans 20 at New Orleans (68,591)** Norm Johnson boots game-winning 50-yard FG in OT	Atlanta 35 Green Bay 31
Oct. 14, 1993 (Thurs. TNT)	**Atlanta 30, L.A. Rams 24 at Atlanta (45,231)** Andre Rison catches 42-yard TD from Billy Joe Tolliver in game's closing minutes. Darnell Walker picks off two passes.	Atlanta 26 New Orleans 15

NFC Playoffs

Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 13

December 24, 1978
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 49,447

In rainy 40 degree weather conditions, Steve Bartkowski turned it on for the final 30 minutes, completing 13-of-20 passes for 193 yards and two touchdowns, both scoring aerials coming with less than five minutes remaining, leading the Falcons to their first franchise playoff victory. His primary target was Wallace Francis, who scored the winning touchdown with 1:39 remaining on a 37-yard strike. He set up Bartkowski's first TD to Jim Mitchell at the 4:56 mark with a 49-yard reception down to the Eagles' 26 yard line. Francis finished the day with six catches for 135 yards. The first half was mostly a defensive struggle with teams exchanging punts eight times. The Falcons fumbled the ball away twice, one resulting in a Philadelphia TD, while the other came just 15 yards from paydirt. After leading 6-0 at halftime, Philadelphia took advantage of a shanked 17-yard punt by John James, driving 60 yards on eight plays early in the third period to take a 13-0 lead.

ATLANTA	0	0	0	14	14
PHILADELPHIA	6	0	7	0	13

Scoring

Phil — Carmichael13-yard pass from Jaworski (Kick failed)
Phil — Montgomery 1-yard run (Michel kick)
Atl — Mitchell 20-yard pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Atl — Francis 37-yard pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

	Atl	Philly
First Downs	14	15
Net Yards Gained	298	217
Rushing Yardage	75	53
Passing Yardage	223	164
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	32/18/2	35/19/0
Punts	7-33.1	9-33.7
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	3/2
Penalties	6/63	5/60

Rushing

Falcons — Stanback 16-58, Bean 9-14, Bartkowski 2-3.

Eagles — Hogan 14-31, Montgomery 16-19, Jaworski 1-3, Campfield 1-0.

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 18-32-2, 243 yds, 2 TD's.

Eagles — Jaworski 19-35-0, 190 yds, 1 TD.

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-135, Bean 4-44, Mitchell 3-35, Stanback 2-7, Pearson 1-13, Ryckman 1-5, Jackson 1-4.

Eagles — Smith 7-108, Carmichael 5-45, Osborne 3-15, Middlebrook 1-11, Pane 1-10, Hogan 1-6, Montgomery 1-(-5).

NFC Playoffs

Dallas 27, Atlanta 20

December 30, 1978
Texas Stadium, 60,338

A week earlier, it was a supreme second half effort which moved Atlanta one notch further in the playoffs. This week, the Falcons were shut out in the second half after holding a 20-13 lead at the break. Bubba Bean had gained 60 yards in the first half, including a 14-yard scoring run, while Steve Bartkowski threw a touchdown to Wallace Francis. Tim Mazzetti rounded out the Falcons' efforts with a pair of field goals. Dallas' fortunes appeared to take a turn for the worse late in the first half when Roger Staubach left the game with an injury. Danny White came on, however, bringing Dallas from behind. He threw a tying TD pass in the third period to tight end Jackie Smith. Early in the fourth period, John James shanked a punt from the 20-yard line, allowing the Cowboys to drive in from 30 yards out in six plays.

DALLAS	10	3	7	7	27
ATLANTA	7	13	0	0	20

Scoring

Dal — Septien 34-yard FG
Atl — Bean 14-yard run (Mazzetti kick)
Dal — Laidlaw 13-yard run (Septien kick)
Atl — Mazzetti 42-yard FG
Dal — Septien 48-yard FG
Atl — Francis 17-yard pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Atl — Mazzetti 22-yard FG
Dal — Smith 2-yard pass from White (Septien kick)
Dal — Laidlaw 1-yard run (Septien kick)

	Atl	Dallas
First Downs	16	26
Net Yards Gained	216	369
Rushing Yardage	164	148
Passing Yardage	52	221
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	23/8/3	37/17/1
Punts	6-37.5	3-36.0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	6/3
Penalties	7/69	7/65

Rushing

Falcons — Bean 17-72-1 td, Stanback 9-62, Franklin 8-24, Esposito 2-6.

Cowboys — Laidlaw 17-66, Dorsett 14-65, White 3-(-4), Dupree 1-20, Staubach 1-3, D. Pearson 1-(-2).

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 8-23-3, 95 yds, 1 TD.

Cowboys — White 10-20-1, 127 yds, 1 TD; Staubach 7-17-0, 105 yds.

Receiving

Falcons —Francis 6-66-1 td, Ryckman 1-22, Esposito 1-7.

Cowboys — Dupree 5-59, D. Pearson 4-75, Smith 3-38, Hill 3-36, Laidlaw 1-15, Dorsett 1-9.

NFC Playoffs

Dallas 30, Atlanta 27

January 4, 1981
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 60,022

For the first three periods, it appeared as if Atlanta would move onward in the playoffs. It led Dallas 24-10 entering the final stanza and even held a 27-17 lead with five minutes left to play. But Danny White teamed up three times with Drew Pearson on a five-play, 62-yard scoring drive, the last play coming on a 14-yard TD strike. The Cowboys stopped Atlanta on four straight plays after the ensuing kickoff, and White drove his team 70 yards in six plays, securing the win with a 23-yard strike to Pearson with just 52 seconds to play. Alfred Jenkins hauled in four passes for 155 yards for the birds.

DALLAS	3	7	0	20	30
ATLANTA	10	7	7	3	27

Scoring

Atl— Mazzetti 38-yard FG
Atl — Jenkins 60-yard pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Dal — Septien 38-yard FG
Dal — Dupree 5-yard pass from White (Septien kick)
Atl — Cain 1-yard run (Mazzetti kick)
Atl — Andrews 5-yard pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Dal — Newhouse 1-yard run (Septien kick)
Atl — Mazzetti 34-yard FG
Dal — Pearson 14-yard pass from White (Septien kick)
Dal — Pearson 23-yard pass from White (Kick failed)

	Atl	Dallas
First Downs	18	22
Net Yards Gained	349	422
Rushing Yardage	86	112
Passing Yardage	285	310
Passes Comp/Att/Int	18-33-1	25-40-1
Punts/Avg.	4-36.0	4-38.8
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/1
Penalties/Yards	4/48	6/72

Rushing

Falcons — Andrews 14-43, Cain 13-43.

Cowboys — Dorsett 10-51, Newhouse 6-31, White 4-1, P. Pearson 1-11, D. Pearson 1-9, Dupree 1-5.

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 18-33-1, 320 yds, 2 TD's.

Cowboys — White 25-39-1, 322 yds, 3 TD's.

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-66, Jenkins 4-155, Miller 3-48, Cain 2-20, Andrews 2-19, Jackson 1-12.

Cowboys — D. Pearson 2-19, Dorsett 5-40, Hill 4-53, P. Pearson 4-51, Springs 3-39, Dupree 2-19, Johnson 1-20.

NFC Playoffs

Minnesota 30, Atlanta 24

January 9, 1983
Hubert Humphrey Metrodome, 60,560

The Falcons' special teams were outstanding. On their first possession, Paul Davis blocked a punt which Doug Rogers recovered in the end zone for a TD. Minnesota added two field goals and a touchdown to lead 13-7 at halftime before the special unit struck again, this time kicker Mick Luckhurst scoring on a 17-yard run with a pitch from holder Mike Moroski to take a 14-13 lead. A few moments later, safety Bob Glazebrook intercepted a pass and returned it 35 yards for a score, giving the Falcons a 21-13 lead. The roof caved in, however, at that point with the Vikings rallying for 17 points while all Atlanta could muster the rest of the way was a FG.

MINNESOTA	3	10	3	14	30
ATLANTA	7	0	14	3	24

Scoring

Atl — Rogers fumble recovery (Luckhurst kick)
Minn — Danmeier 33-yard FG
Minn — White 36-yd pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Minn — Danmeier 30-yard FG
Atl — Luckhurst 17-yard run (Luckhurst kick)
Atl — Glazebrook 35-yard INT return (Luckhurst kick)
Minn — Danmeier 39-yard FG
Minn — McCullum 11 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Atl — Luckhurst 41-yard FG
Minn — Brown 5-yard run (Danmeier kick)

	Atl	Minn
First Downs	14	24
Net Yards Gained	235	378
Rushing Yardage	120	125
Passing Yardage	115	253
Passes Comp/Att/Int	9-23-2	20-34-1
Punts/Avg.	5-42.6	5-32.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	4/0
Penalties/Yards	7/98	10/84

Rushing

Falcons — Andrews 11-48, Riggs 9-38, Cain 3-17, Luckhurst 1-17.

Vikings — Brown 23-81, Nelson 4-24, Kramer 8-13, Galbreath 6-10, S. White 1-(-3).

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 9-23-2, 134 yds.

Vikings — Kramer 20-34-1, 253 yds, 2 TD's.

Receiving

Falcons — Jenkins 2-52, Hodge 2-29, Riggs 2-16,
Krepfle 1-18, Cain 1-14, Jackson 1-5.

Vikings — Senser 6-81, McCullum 4-51, Galbreath 3-14, White 2-61, LeCount 2-24, Young 2-13, Brown 1-9.

NFC Playoffs

Atlanta 27, New Orleans 20

December 28, 1991
Louisiana Superdome (68,794)

Michael Haynes hauled in six passes for 144 yards and a pair of touchdowns from Chris Miller, including the go-head score late in the fourth quarter, helping the Falcons post their first ever playoff victory on the road. The Saints jumped out to a 10-0 lead before the Falcons stormed back, tying the game in the second quarter with a 24-yard TD reception by Andre Rison and a Norm Johnson 44-yard FG. The Saints answered with a Morten Andersen 35-yard FG before Haynes' 20-yard TD reception gave the Falcons a 17-13 lead late in the third. A one-yard TD run by Dalton Hilliard capped a 19-play, 80-yard drive that put New Orleans back on top, 20-17. But Johnson tied the game with a 36-yard FG with 6:27 to go. Atlanta's defense held, setting up the heroics by Haynes, who turned a 7-yard hitch pass into a 61-yard touchdown run.

ATLANTA	0	10	7	10	27
NEW ORLEANS	7	6	0	7	20

Scoring

NO — Turner 26-yard pass from Hebert (Andersen kick)
NO — Andersen 45-yard FG
Atl — Rison 24-yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Johnson 44-yard FG
NO — Andersen 35-yard FG
Atl — Haynes 20-yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
NO — Hilliard 1-yard run (Andersen kick)
Atl — Johnson 36-yard FG
Atl — Haynes 61-yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)

	Atl	N.O.
First Downs	20	23
Net Yards Gained	334	330
Rushes/Yards	22-79	22-65
Passing Yardage	255	265
Passes Comp/Att/Int	18-30-1	26-44-2
Sacked/Yards	5-36	1-8
Fumbles/Lost	3-1	2-1
Penalties/Yards	6-48	5-49

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 7-35, Pegram 11-26, Miller 4-18.

Saints — McAfee 14-49, Hebert 1-9, Hilliard 4-5, Jordan 3-2.

Passing

Falcons — Miller 18-30-1, 291 yds, 3 TD's, Long 61.

Saints — Hebert 26-44-2, 273 yds, 1 TD, Long 26.

Receiving

Falcons — Haynes 6-144, Pritchard 5-63, Rison 4-56, Thomas 1-19, Pegram 1-5, Dixon 1-4.

Saints — Martin 7-83, Turner 5-75, Early 5-41, Hilliard 5-33, Carroll 2-23, Tice 1-13, Jordan 1-5.

NFC Playoffs

Washington 24, Atlanta 7

January 3, 1992
RFK Stadium (55,181)

Six Atlanta turnovers was too much to overcome in this divisional playoff matchup, played in the nation's capitol amidst 30 mph winds and a steady downpour of rain. Ricky Ervins (104 yds) paced Washington's rushing attack, which amassed 162 yards on the day. The Falcons, meanwhile, played without running backs Mike Rozier, Erric Pegram and Steve Broussard. Tracy Johnson's one-yard TD run late in the first half brought the Falcons to within 14-7 at intermission. But that was as close as they would come. After Chip Lohmiller connected on a 24-yard field goal midway through the third quarter, the Falcons drove 53 yards to Washington's 27 yard line, but came away empty, missing a 45-yard FG. Two possessions later, Washington padded its lead when Riggs scored his second touchdown, a one-yard plunge with 7:20 remaining, accounting for the final 24-7 advantage. Washington held the ball 36:08 to Atlanta's 23:52.

WASHINGTON.	0	14	3	7	24
ATLANTA	0	7	0	0	7

Scoring

Wash — Ervins 17-yard run (Lohmiller kick)
Wash — Riggs 2-yard run (Lohmiller kick)
Atl — Johnson 1-yard run (Johnson kick)
Wash — Lohmiller 24-yard FG
Wash — Riggs 1-yard run

	Atl	Wash
First Downs	12	22
Net Yards Gained	193	332
Rushes/Yards	14-43	45-162
Passing Yardage	150	170
Passes Comp/Att/Int	17-32-4	14-29-1
Sacked/Yards	4-28	0-0
Fumbles/Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties/Yards	3-19	4-23

Rushing

Falcons — Johnson 8-33, Chaffey 3-8, Pegram 3-2.

Redskins — Ervins 23-104, Byner 14-57, Riggs 4-7, Monk 1-(-2), Rypien 3-(-4).

Passing

Falcons — Miller 17-32-4, 178 yds, Long 17.

Redskins — Rypien 14-28-1, 170 yds, Long 26.

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 7-62, Pritchard 5-56, Dixon 2-19, Haynes 1-15, Thomas 1-15, Phillips 1-11.

Redskins — Clark 6-64, Monk 3-45, Sanders 1-26, Ervins 3-24, Byner 1-11.

NFC Playoffs

Green Bay 37, Atlanta 20

December 31, 1995
Lambeau Field (60,453)

Jeff George threw for 366 yards and a pair of TD's, but it wasn't enough as Green Bay's big touchdown on a punt return and balanced offensive attack kept the Packers' playoff record unblemished at Lambeau Field.

Edgar Bennett rushed for 108 yards, while Brett Favre hit on three touchdowns to lead the Pack offensively. Atlanta's offense outgained the Packers, 360-307, and scored the most points in a playoff game by an opponent in G.B. history.

Behind most of the game, Atlanta was forced to pass in the muddy conditions of Lambeau Field, which had been covered and heated despite 30 degree weather conditions.

The Falcons did strike first, however, on a 65-yard TD bomb from George to Eric Metcalf down the right sideline for a 7-0 lead. The Packers countered with four first-half touchdowns, including the 76-yard punt return by Antonio Freeman, to take a 27-10 halftime lead. Atlanta pulled within 10 points at 27-17 early in the fourth quarter on J.J. Birden's 27-yard TD catch from George. But Favre connected with Dorsey Levens on a perfect 18-yard touchdown strike in the right corner of the end zone mid way through the fourth quarter to ice the victory.

GREEN BAY	14	13	0	10 — 37
ATLANTA	7	3	0	10 — 20

Scoring

Atl - Metcalf 65-yard pass from George (Andersen kick)
G.B. - Bennett 8-yard run (Jacke kick)
G.B. - Brooks 14-yard pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
Atl - Andersen 31-yard FG
G.B. - Freeman 76-yard punt return (2-point att failed)
G.B. - Chmura 2-yard pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
Atl - Birden 27-yard pass from George (Andersen kick)
G.B. - Levens 18-yard pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
Atl - Andersen 22-yard FG
G.B. - Jacke 25-yard FG

Team Statistics

	Atl	G.B.
First Downs	18	23
Total Yardage	360	307
Rushes/Yards	10-21	29-117
Passing Yardage	366	199
Passes Comp/Att/Int	30-54-2	24-35-0
Sacked/Yards	3-27	1-9
Penalties/Yards	5-67	5-36
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	0-0

Rushing

Falcons: Heyward 9-21, George 1-0.

Packers: Bennett 24-108, Levens 2-12, Favre 3- (-3).

Passing

Falcons: George 30-54-2, 366 yds, 2 TD's, Long 65.

Packers: Favre 24-35-0, 199 yds, 3 TD's, Long 20.

Receiving

Falcons: Metcalf 8-114, Birden 6-64, Emanuel 6-62, Mathis 5-93, Heyward 3-20, Brown 1-14, Lyons 1-(-1).

Packers: Brooks 7-73, Morgan 4-36, Jackson 3-23, Bennett 3-11, Levens 2-19, Chmura 2-15, Freeman 1-14, Henderson 1-4.

Michael Haynes' 61-yard TD in the 4th quarter gave the Falcons their first ever road playoff win in 1991. Haynes' return to his hometown netted 6 catches for 144 yards and 2 TD's.

Steve Bartkowski's two fourth-quarter TD passes sparked the Falcons to victory in their first ever playoff game on Christmas Eve of 1978 in Atlanta.

Playoff Experience!

Eight members of Atlanta's coaching staff have participated in a total of 22 Super Bowl games, and 4 coaches own Super Bowl rings. The list includes Dan Reeves, Art Shell, George Sefcik, Rennie Simmons, Don Blackmon, Jack Burns, Joe DeCamillis, and Al Miller.

HISTORICAL CALENDAR

The Start
June 30, 1965

The NFL awards a franchise to 41-year-old Rankin M. Smith, Executive Vice President of Life Insurance Company of Georgia, for $8.5 million. At the time there were 14 NFL franchises in existence, 8 AFL clubs. Officially, Atlanta became the 23rd professional football club in existence, the 15th in the NFL prior to the merger of the Leagues.

Officially Titled
Aug. 20, 1965

"Five Smiths, Inc." is registered as the corporate name for the Atlanta franchise. It is so named for Rankin Smith's five children: Rankin, Jr., Carrol Christine, Dorothy Ann, Taylor, and Nancy Karen.

Stockholders
Aug. 24, 1965

The listed stockholders of the franchise included Lindsey Hopkins, Jr., Howard Dobbs, Jr., Cody Laird, Jr., I. M. Sheffield III, Dorothy Laird Williams, W. Barrett Howell, and M. E. Kilpatrick.

The Nickname
Aug. 29, 1965

"Falcons" was suggested by many, with reasons from a school teacher from Griffin, Georgia singled out. Miss Julia Elliott said: "the Falcon is proud and dignified, with great courage and fight. It never drops its prey. It is deadly and has a great sporting tradition." A logo was designed by Wayland Moore Studios.

You Need Players
Sept. 9, 1965

Halfback Bob Paremore and split end Gary Barnes, who had been in the NFL with the Cardinals and Bears, were the first two players to sign with the Falcons.

The First Draft
Nov. 27, 1965

With the first pick in the entire draft, the Falcons chose Outland Trophy winning Linebacker Tommy Nobis from the University of Texas. After being drafted also by Houston of the AFL, he chose the Falcons on Dec. 14 and signed a contract. As the Falcons got two choices in each of the first five rounds, QB Randy Johnson of Texas A&I was the other first round pick by Atlanta. All told, the Falcons gained 25 players in the 20 round draft, the last one being defensive back Bob Riggle from Penn State. Nobis is the club's Director of Player Development, while Riggle served 21 years as a team scout.

The Head Coach
Jan. 26, 1966

Norb Hecker, 39, left the Green Bay staff of Vince Lombardi to accept the job as the Falcons first head coach. He was with Lombardi seven years as they won three world titles and four conference titles. Gene Cronin, the Director of Player Personnel, deserves the distinction of being the first member of the Falcon organization named by Mr. Smith.

Supplemental Draft
Feb. 16, 1966

Allotted three picks from each of the 14 other NFL teams, the Falcons added 42 more players. Each team, who had a 40-man roster, placed 11 available for the Falcons to select from. Among those picks was their first leading rusher (Junior Coffey from Green Bay), their first leading receiver (Alex Hawkins from Baltimore), and a defensive captain (Bill Jobko from Minnesota).

Head for the Mountains
March 26, 1966

A YMCA Camp, Blue Ridge Assembly on Black Mountain, N.C. (near Asheville) is selected as the first summer training camp home.

The Merger Occurs
June 8, 1966

The AFL and NFL agree to merge with a Championship Game to be played. The teams would not actually begin playing regular season games until 1970. Atlanta was assigned to the NFL's Western Conference, Coastal Division, with the Los Angeles Rams, Baltimore Colts, and San Francisco 49ers.

The First Practice
July 2, 1966

Training Camp opened with some 130 players checking in for physicals and their chance to be an NFL player. One of the camp's visitors was Rev. Billy Graham, who lived just a few miles from the Blue Ridge Assembly. All told, 66 rookies reported with the vets checking in on July 9.

The First Game
Aug. 1, 1966
(Preseason)

Before 26,072 at Atlanta Stadium, Philadelphia claims a 9-7 win over the Falcons. Trivia fans might want to note that QB Dennis Claridge passed one yard to Tom Wilson for the Falcons first ever touchdown (second quarter) to provide a 7-6 halftime lead.

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This Game Is For Real
Sept. 11, 1966

The Los Angeles Rams handed the Falcons a 19-14 loss before 54,418 at Atlanta Stadium. The Rams of George Allen were led by QB Roman Gabriel (294 yards). After a 16-0 lead, Atlanta rallied to make it 16-14 before a third quarter Ram FG ended the scoring. Pre-game ceremonies included Commissioner Pete Rozelle, Governor Carl Sanders, and Mayor Ivan Allen. Falcon RB Ernie Wheelwright ran for 91 yards and caught a pass for 25 more to lead the offense.

The First Points
Sept. 11, 1966

It was the second quarter when QB Randy Johnson hit Gary Barnes for a 53-yard touchdown to officially score the first points for the Atlanta Falcons.

The First Official Win
Nov. 30, 1966

After nine straight losses, the Falcons claimed one for the W column at Yankee Stadium (62,746), 27-16. Former Giant Ernie Wheelwright scored two TD's receiving and ran for 51 more yards as QB Randy Johnson hit for a trio of TD's.

Tying an NFL Record With 1st HOME Win
Dec. 11, 1966

The Falcons tied an NFL record for an expansion team (Minnesota) by winning a third game. This victim was the St. Louis Cardinals, 16-10, before 57,169. The second win had been at Minnesota with Bobby Riggle returning an interception 62 yards for a touchdown.

Atlanta's First All-Pro
Dec. 15, 1967

Linebacker Tommy Nobis was named to the AP all-pro team, a Falcon first. This honor followed his Rookie of the Year performance in 1966 (Bert Bell Award and Pro Football Writers Association).

A New Regime
Oct. 1, 1968

Norm Van Brocklin, formerly head coach of Vikings, is named to replace Norb Hecker after three games of season. Two weeks later, his Falcons beat New York, 24-21, in first meeting between Van Brocklin and his former QB, Fran Tarkenton.

Starting On the Right Foot
Sept. 21, 1969

Falcons win first season opener ever, beating 49ers, 24-12, before home fans. Rookie Tight End Jim Mitchell scored two TD's and club set team record with 229 yards rushing.

The Triple Play
Dec. 7, 1969

Harmon Wages had a game to remember in this 45-17 rout of the Saints. The second year back threw for a TD in the first quarter (16 yards to Flatley), then caught a pass for a TD in the second quarter (88 yards), and then ran for a TD in the fourth quarter (66 yards).

A Passing Feat
Sept. 27, 1970

In Week Two at Green Bay, QB Bob Berry sets club records with the Franchise's first 300-yard passing game (28-44 for 302), but Packers rally for 27-24 win.

Cannonball Explodes
Oct. 4, 1970

Jim "Cannonball" Butler, just one week after Berry's passing record, sets a new club rushing record in the home opener against the 49ers. The seven-year veteran set two club records that day. One was for most yards (127 on 17 carries), the other was for most fumbles (4).

National TV!
Nov. 30, 1970

Over 30 million Monday Night TV viewers saw their first game from Atlanta as the Miami Dolphins came to town with ABC-TV. Larry Csonka (108) and Mercury Morris (76) ran away with a 20-7 Miami victory.

A Hall of Famer
Feb. 23, 1971.

Coach Norm Van Brocklin is elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Catch This Act
Oct. 3 and Dec. 19, 1971

Rookie sensation Ken Burrow made more yardage receiving in one game than any NFC receiver, and he wrote his name in the club record book TWICE. He had 190 yards at Detroit and duplicated that feat at New Orleans. All of this was done playing the final 11 games with a broken wrist.

A Winning Season
Dec. 19, 1971

In dramatic fashion with 40 seconds left, the Falcons score to beat New Orleans, 24-20, to finish the season at 7-6-1, thus giving them the first winning season in club history.

A Coast to Coast Win
Nov. 22, 1971

Falcons win their first Nationally televised game with a 28-21 triumph over Green Bay in Atlanta. Atlanta had 77 plays to the Packers 33, outgaining them 386-143, as Monday Night TV televised the action.

A Jinx Is Ended With 1-2 Punch
Oct. 1, 1972

After 10 unsuccessful tries, Falcons finally defeat the L.A. Rams, in humiliating fashion, 31-3 at Atlanta Stadium. Hampton and Art Malone set a club record by each running for over 100 yards (161 Hampton and 103 Malone).

"Unofficial" 1,000 Dec. 17, 1972	Dave Hampton technically was the club's first 1,000- yard rusher. At Kansas City, the veteran running back scampered around end for his 1,000th yard. However, his next carry was a six-yard loss and his final carry a one-yard gain. Thus, he ended at 995, never officially getting his name in the Falcon record book.
Lighting Up Scoreboard Sept. 16, 1973	Opening against New Orleans, Falcons smash 35 team records en route to 62-7 victory.
Monday Night Madness Nov. 19, 1973	Unbeaten Vikings (9-0) come to town to face surging Falcons (five in a row) before national audience. No Falcon fan is disappointed as club responds to challenge with 20-14 win for 6th straight.
"Hard-Luck" Hampton and Falcons 1973 Season	After missing by five yards for a 1,000-yard season last year, Dave Hampton comes even closer this year. Needing 87 yards in the finale, he gets just 84 and finishes three yards shy of the magic number. The Falcons are equally close, finishing 9-5 for their most wins and best record ever, but losing out for the playoffs by one game.
Trading for the Future Jan. 27, 1975	In order to obtain the rights to the number one pick in the college draft, the Falcons send offensive tackle George Kunz and a draft choice to Baltimore. Falcons also got a 6th round pick (and took LB Fulton Kuykendall).
The Future is Here Jan. 28, 1975	With that top choice, the Falcons select all-America QB Steve Bartkowski from California.
Hooray for Hampton Dec. 21, 1975	Running Back Dave Hampton becomes first Falcon to gain 1,000 yards rushing (1,002) with 61 in final game vs. Green Bay.
Front Office Moves Feb. 1-3, 1977	Former NFL quarterback Eddie LeBaron is named General Manager, with Rankin M. Smith, Jr. assuming the title of Club President. Two days later, Leeman Bennett, a Rams assistant becomes fifth Head Coach in club history.
Zero Hour Nov. 27, 1977	In shutout of Bucs, Falcons set club record by allowing just 78 total yards. It is also the second 0 performance by the defense on the season, also a club first.
NFL Record! 1977 Defense	With 35-7 final win over Saints, Falcons establish new NFL modern day record for 14-game season by allowing just 129 points all year as club finishes 7-7.
June Jones, Gritz Blitz Go National Oct. 30, 1978	In their first national TV game in four years, the Falcons lose Bartkowski in 2nd quarter. Enter June Jones, kicker Tim Mazzetti's five field goals, and the hard hitting Gritz Blitz defense and you have a 15-7 Rams upset.
"Big Ben Right" Nov. 12, 1978	With 2:23 remaining the Falcons were trailing 17-6 at their own 20-yard line. An 80-yard march made it 17-13 with 59 seconds left. With 19 seconds left, Bartkowski threw 57 yards into a cluster where Alfred Jackson caught a pass deflected by Wallace Francis and the Falcons clock struck victory.
Clinching a Play off Berth the Easy Way Dec. 15, 1978	When Redskins lose to Bears, Falcons are ensured their first Playoff berth. The next day, L.A. beat Green Bay to give the Falcons a home field game.
Dealing the Wild Card Dec. 24, 1978	With two TD's in the final eight minutes, the Falcons overcame the rainy weather to win their Playoff game over the Eagles, 14-13. The Christmas Eve present to the fans was not complete until the Eagles missed a 34-yard FG in the final seconds. Merry Christmas!
Valiant Underdogs Dec. 30, 1978	As 14-point underdogs in Texas Stadium, the Falcons came ready to win. They jumped out to a 20-13 halftime lead and knocked QB Roger Staubach unconscious just before the half. The home-team Cowboys regained the lead 27-20 as the Falcons marched for a tying score. With 4th-and-1 at the Cowboy 32, the Falcons came up inches short and never got the ball back.

HISTORICAL CALENDAR

William Who? Sept. 2, 1979	Third-round draft choice William Andrews made his NFL debut memorable with a club- record 167 yard éffort in a 40-34 overtime win at the Superdome. Each team gained over 500 yards offense before Falcons won with special teams interception TD.
Adding Up The Totals Dec. 16, 1979	Records were broken for the season by William Andrews with 1,023 yards, by Wallace Francis with 74 catches for 1,013 yards and by Steve Bartkowski with 2,502 yards (203-379).
The Bigger They Are, the Harder They Fall Sept. 28 - Oct. 5, 1980	Undefeated opponents fall on successive weekends to the Falcons. First, the 49ers are upset 20-17 at Candlestick, then with a record-breaking 34-point first half, the Lions fall, 43-28
How the West Was Won Dec. 14, 1980	Bartkowski's 28th, 29th and 30th TD passes, Andrews, sixth 100-yard game and a rugged defense led to a 35-10 rout of the 49ers and the Falcons had earned their first-ever NFC Western Division Title. The win was the Falcons 9th straight and 12th of the season, both club bests.
Heartbreak in Georgia Jan. 5, 1981	Leading 24-10 heading into the 4th quarter, Falcons end up on short end of 30-27 score as Cowboys rally for 20 points in Atlanta Fulton County Stadium before record 60,022 fans.
Aloha Feb. 1, 1981	Record six Falcons selected to Pro Bowl as Bartkowski passes for new high 178 yards (55 TD to Alfred Jenkins) to lead NFC to 21-7 win.
Seeing is Believing! Sept. 13, 1981	Green Bay Packer fans were enjoying a 17-0 lead after three quarters, but no one knew what was in store next. In a nine-minute span, the Falcons erupted for an NFL record tying 31 points (4 TD's, 1 FG) to win 31-17.
Good News, Bad News Sept. 20, 1981	Atlanta fans were treated to a 34-17 thumping of the rival 49ers (soon to be Super Bowl bound) and the fastest start in club history, 3-0. The Falcons had now won 12 of the last 13 regular season games and 14 of last 15. Tommy Pridemore even set a club record with a 101-yard interception return. The bad news: three starters were lost in a five-minute span (LB Joel Williams, DE Jeff Merrow and T Warren Bryant).
Numbers To Remember 1981 Season	The team will look back on seven losses of five points or less as to why they were 7-9. The defeats were by 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, and 5 points. Individually, records were set by Steve Bartkowski (3,830 yards), William Andrews (81 catches), Alfred Jenkins (1,358 yards, 13 TD's - 3 in one game), and Mick Luckhurst (114 points). A team high seven Falcons are picked for the Pro Bowl.
No More Tickets May 17, 1982	Season ticket sales are halted after reaching a club record 55,144.
Back on Track Nov. 21, 1982	In first game after strike, William Andrews gains 207 yards (119 rush, 88 rec.) and rookie Gerald Riggs scores his first two NFL TD's in 34-17 win over Rams. Falcons are 2-1 and thinking playoffs in short season.
A National Clinch Dec. 19, 1982	With a powerful 17-7 win over the Super Bowl Champion 49ers before a national Sunday Night audience, the Falcons become third NFC team to clinch a playoff berth as they up record to 5-2. Team controlled ball for 43 minutes to 17 for 49ers and ran the ball 57 times for 223 yards.
Indoor Playoffs Jan. 9, 1983	Falcons journeyed to Minnesota's Metrodome for the opening round Playoff game and led 7–3 after one quarter and 21-16 after three quarters, but Vikings rallied for 30-24 win. In an oddity, all 24 Falcon points were scored by the special teams (blocked punt for TD, pass to Luckhurst for TD, and FG) and the defense (Glazebrook TD interception).
A Two-Time Hero Nov. 27, 1983	Kenny Johnson became only the 12th player in NFL history to score two TD's in the same game with interceptions. His first one put the Falcons ahead of Green Bay, 41-34, but the Pack came back to force overtime. With another chance to be the hero, Johnson returned an interception 31 yards to win the game.

Stats to Remember Dec. 18, 1983	William Andrews sets new club record with 331 rushes for 1,567 yards, Steve Bartkowski has third 3,000-yard season and sets mark with 63.4% completion rate and just 1.1% interception rate (5 in 432), while C Jeff Van Note starts his 200th game as a Falcon.
Surgery for William Aug. 21, 1984	Falcon all-time leading rusher, William Andrews, injures knee ligaments, cartilage and nerve in practice session and is out indefinitely.
A New Leader Sept. 2, 1984	Gerald Riggs gets the starting call and sets new club records with 35 attempts for 202 yards in 36-28 opening win at the Superdome in New Orleans.
A Catchy Record Dec. 2, 1984	Receiver Alfred Jackson broke the club record with 11 catches for 193 yards vs. San Francisco in 35-17 loss.
"White Shoes" Is #1 Sept. 8, 1985	Billy "White Shoes" Johnson becomes the NFL's all-time career punt returner with 58 yards against Detroit.
Determined Gerald Dec. 22, 1985	With 158 yards in the 16-10 win over New Orleans, Gerald Riggs had a club best 9 100-yard games and a season record 1,719 yards to lead the entire NFC.
A Record Start Sept. 1986	The Falcons came out roaring with four straight wins over New Orleans, St. Louis, Dallas and Tampa Bay for the best-ever start in club history. The Cowboy game featured a 10-point rally with a game-winning FG with 20 seconds left and the Buc game featured a 20-7 come-from-behind win with an overtime FG the decider. Gerald Riggs ran for a touchdown in each game to tie a club mark. The opener also featured the return of William Andrews after a two-year layoff following knee surgery.
Leading the Way Oct. 12, 1986	In a game that featured the return of QB Steve Bartkowski to Atlanta (as an LA Ram), the Falcons rolled to a 26-14 win to up their mark to 5-1. The next week, the Falcons fought to an overtime tie with the 49ers to stay atop the Western Division.
A Note of Thanks Dec. 14, 1986	It was Jeff Van Note day at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium as the 18-year veteran center was honored after 246 games. With all his family present, he was presented gifts including a vintage 1957 Chevy (symbolic of his #57 and being a classic). Mick Luckhurst extended his club record to 117 consecutive PAT's.
Riggs' Record Breaking Day is Doomsday For Dallas Dec. 6, 1987	Gerald Riggs becomes the club's all-time leading rusher, surpassing William Andrews with a five-yard run in the third quarter at Dallas, giving the six-year pro from Arizona State a career total of 5,987 yards. Riggs finishes up the day with 119 yards to help the Falcons break a seven-game losing streak and knock the Cowboys out of the playoffs for the second straight year with a 21-10 victory in Texas Stadium.
Making a Case for Himself Nov. 6-27, 1988	CB Scott Case laid claim to a spot in the Pro Bowl by being named NFC Defensive Player of the Month for November. Case intercepted five passes (two each vs. Packers and Raiders), registered a forced fumble and QB sack and made 20 tackles with nine passes defensed to help the Falcons to a 3-1 record during the month.
Settling for a Place in History Dec. 18, 1988	RB John Settle put his name in the League's record book by becoming the first free agent in NFL history since the 1970 merger to gain 1,000 yards in a season as he rushed for 66 yards against the Saints to finish with 1,024. Paul Lowe (Chargers) and Clem Daniels (Raiders) of the AFL were the only other undrafted players to accomplish the feat (in 1963 and 1965). The former Appalachian State star was fourth in the NFL in total yards (1594) and the club leader in receptions with 68 as he garnered his first trip to the Pro Bowl.

HISTORICAL CALENDAR

A Case of a Perfect 10
Dec. 18, 1988

CB Scott Case picked off his 10th pass of the year against the Saints to finish atop the NFL charts. Case set a new Falcon record for interceptions in a season eclipsing the old mark of nine by Rolland Lawrence in 1975. The Oklahoma product stole seven passes in the second half of the season when the young Falcons defense began to jell.

Prime Time Scores Twice
1989

Deion "Prime Time" Sanders ends his lengthy Sept. contract holdout and reports to camp. He takes a Friday practice and Saturday walk through and puts on the football pads for the first time in seven months in the season opener vs. the Rams. In the first quarter, Deion returns a punt 68 yards for a touchdown. After hitting a home run for the New York Yankees earlier that week, it makes him the only modern day athlete to hit a HR and score a TD in the same week.

Herschel & GA Homecoming
Sept. 17, 1989

Heisman trophy winning Herschel Walker returns to Homecoming, his native Georgia, for his first NFL game. The hometown Falcons spoil his party, but the sellout crowd enjoys a 27-21 Atlanta win over the Cowboys and Herschel.

Good Job
Dec. 1989

Guard Bill Fralic goes to a fourth consecutive Pro Bowl (the only guard in the NFL to do so). Rookie WR Shawn Collins leads all NFL rookies and sets a club rookie mark with 58 catches, while fellow rookie Deion Sanders gains post-season recognition by leading all rookie DB's with five thefts and gaining over 1,000 yards in returns.

Back in Black
March 20, 1990

The Falcons announce plans for their 25th Anniversary season that include going back to their original black jerseys of 1966. In addition black helmets are unveiled along with the 25th anniversary logo patches for the uniforms.

Showstopping Trade
April 20,1990

With the number one pick overall in the Draft, the Falcons deal with the Colts for six-time Pro Bowl lineman, Chris Hinton, all-rookie WR Andre Rison, and next year's #1 pick.

That's Super!
May 23, 1990

Falcons owner Rankin Smith leads the way in securing Super Bowl XXVIII for the City of Atlanta at the NFL Owners Meeting in Dallas.

Opening Day
Sept. 9, 1990

Houston, Jerry Glanville's former team, comes to town to face the new black-clad Falcons. With the defense scoring three touchdowns, the Falcons win in a rout, 47-27, before a sellout crowd.

National TV
Oct. 28, 1990

With a national TV audience watching for the first time since 1984, the Falcons storm the Cincinnati Bengals, 38-17. The prime time viewers see "Prime Time" Deion Sanders set a club record with a 79-yard punt return TD in what was TNT's highest rated game of the season.

Happy Ending
Dec. 30, 1990

With the Dallas Cowboys coming to town, needing a win to secure a playoff berth, the Falcons close out with a second straight win and a 26-7 romp behind a club record 68-yard run by Mike Rozier. The Falcons donated 2,000 tickets from the sellout to the USO for servicemen to attend.

Two-Timer
Jan. 30, 1991

Deion Sanders becomes both an Atlanta Brave and an Atlanta Falcon as he signs a baseball contract. He's the first to play two sports in the same city in 30 years.

Big Ben III Rings
Nov. 3, 1991

QB Billy Joe Tolliver, subbing for injured Chris Miller, lofted a 44-yard "Big Ben" pass caught in a crowd of seven players by WR Michael Haynes with nine seconds remaining. That gave the Falcons a 17-14 victory and season sweep over the San Francisco 49ers. San Francisco had just taken the lead with only 53 seconds left in the game.

Coming Up 3's
Nov. 17, 1991

The Falcons go on a scoring spree in the second quarter and set a new club record for most points in one quarter with 33. WR Andre Rison scores 3 TD's (18 of the 33 points) with scores of 39, 12 and 15 yards. Rison also tied a club record for most points scored by an individual in a game. The 33 in a quarter were seventh highest ever in NFL history.

West Coast Sweep
1991

Atlanta recorded an NFL rarity by sweeping all western opponents either on the road or at home. The Falcons were 7-0, defeating the Rams and the 49ers twice, along with the Raiders, Chargers and the Seahawks. Atlanta was the only team in 1991 to defeat the 49ers in Candlestick Park.

Long Flights

WR Michael Haynes led the entire NFL in average yardage per catch with a 22.4 rate (the NFL's highest since 1983). Mike had 50 receptions on the year for 1,122 yards and 11 touchdowns. His 11 touchdown catches averaged 44.9 yards per play as he recorded 12 receptions over 30 yards.

Prince of Thieves

CB's Deion Sanders and Tim McKyer both co-led the NFC in interceptions with six thefts apiece.

National OT Victory
Nov. 24, 1991

The Falcons scored 10 points in the last two minutes of regulation to send the New Orleans game into overtime on ESPN's Pigout Game of the Week. A 54-yard completion from QB Chris Miller to WR Michael Haynes set up the 50-yard field goal by K Norm Johnson for the OT win before ESPN's largest TV audience of the season.

The Tuggle Struggle

Falcon LB Jessie Tuggle, who had over 200 tackles the previous two seasons, had led the entire NFL in tackles, only to be forgotten when All-Pro teams and Pro Bowl selections were made. A 1992 Pro Bowl selection rejection, Tuggle was finally recognized as a first team All-Pro pick by Sports Illustrated.

Road Kill

The Falcons made club history as they swept through their NFC West road trips by defeating the Rams 31-14 in Anaheim, dropping New Orleans in Overtime 23-20 at the Superdome, and by giving the 49ers their only loss in 1991 at Candlestick Park 39-34. This was the first time ever the birds had beaten all their division rivals on the road.

One Last Time A Final Game Outdoors
Dec. 15, 1991

A sellout crowd witnessed the Falcons' final home game of the 1991 season, as well as the birds' final game in Fulton-County Stadium. Atlanta defeated the Seattle Seahawks' 26-13, to run their home win streak to five straight. NFL thieves Tim McKyer and Deion Sanders combined on a 55-yard interception and lateral for a memorable touchdown. On hand with the 59,000 fans were Hammer, World Heavy Weight Champion Evander Holyfield, singer Wayne Newton, and country and western group Diamond Rio.

Playoff Win!
Dec. 29, 1991

On the road at arch-rival New Orleans on ABC's national TV, the Falcons came from 10 points down to win their first-ever Playoff game away from home. New Orleans native Michael Haynes scored two touchdowns, including the game winning 61-yarder in the fourth quarter, then CB Tim McKyer ended any suspense by intercepting a pass.

The First Game in the New Dome
Aug. 23, 1992

Michael Haynes

A sold-out crowd (66,834 actual) and a national TV audience (ABC) on this Sunday afternoon saw the Falcons win the first-ever football game in the new Georgia Dome, 20-10, over the Philadelphia Eagles. While the Eagles' Ian Howfield kicked a 33-yard FG for the first points ever, the Falcons hooked up on their first play in the Dome for a 76-yard TD pass (Chris Miller to Michael Haynes). While all fans received a special souvenir ticket and commemorative pin, the day of entertainment included performances by megastar MC Hammer, doing the "Too Legit to Quit" theme song of the team, plus a Georgia native halftime show featuring major country recording stars Travis Tritt, Alan Jackson, Trisha Yearwood, Doug Stone, and T. Graham Brown. Recording star John Denver preformed the national anthem, while Las Vegas boxing announcer Michael Buffer began the proceedings with his trademark , "Let's get ready to rumble." The pre-game festivities also included a 100-yard red ribbon cutting by Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Falcons owner Rankin M. Smith.

This First One Counts as A "W"
Sept. 6,1992

In the regular season opener in the Dome, the Falcons scored on their first four possessions en route to a 20-17 win over the New York Jets before a sellout of 65,585. The first play saw rookie RB Tony Smith run for 32 yards and the first points came on a Norm Johnson 25-yard FG. Just 17 seconds later, the Falcons scored the first TD in the Dome on a Chris Miller-to-Michael Haynes pass of 14 yards. Miller and Haynes hooked up again on an 11-yard play later in the first quarter as the Birds ran up a 17-0 lead. In the second period, Norm Johnson tied a club record with a 54-yard FG. Miller's 72% passing (21-29) and 117 yards from the ground game led the Falcons to victory.

HISTORICAL CALENDAR

Double Duty
Oct. 11, 1992

Deion Sanders pulled off yet another first by participating in two pro sports in the SAME DAY. On Saturday night, he played in the Braves Playoff game in Pittsburgh, flew to Miami to play for the Falcons, then flew back to Pittsburgh for a game Sunday night. His presence helped the Falcons hold Dan Marino to a rare game without a TD pass, but the Falcons lost a 17-7 third quarter lead to bow, 21-17.

Shut 'Em Out
Nov. 29, 1992

The Falcons defense posted the first shutout since 1988 in a 34-0 rout of the New England Patriots. Atlanta allowed just 15 net yards passing, second best in club history, and just 105 total yards with five QB sacks, two pass interceptions (both by Deion) and two fumble recoveries. Rookie Tony Smith had another hot day with an 8.1 rush average (10-81-1 td) and a 15-yard average on PR (5-75) for 151 yards.

Of Passing Interest:
The '92 Season

The Falcons led the NFL with a club record 33-TD passes and became the only team to have 30 or more TD's in both '91 and '92. The 336 pass completions were a club season best as were the 194 passing first downs. Andre Rison set a club record with 93 receptions and became the first player in NFL history to have 300 catches in their first four years in the League. The Rison-Haynes tandem netted 21 TD's to lead the NFL for a second straight year (23 in '91). Mike Pritchard's 77 catches were the 5th most in club history, 9th in the NFL. Wade Wilson finished with three consecutive 300-yard games (324, 342, 374) and 10 TD's in those three games and two consecutive 30-completion games.

Offensive Warfare
The '93 Season

Led by Pro Bowlers Andre Rison, Bobby Hebert and Norm Johnson, Atlanta's offense scored over 300 points for the fourth consecutive season. Rison scored a club-record 15 TD's, and set a new standard for most receptions in his first five seasons with 394. Hebert, meanwhile, finished third in the NFL with a career-high 24 TD passes and had the NFL's longest play of the year, a 98-yard TD strike to Michael Haynes. Johnson nearly had a perfect season, connecting on 26-of-27 field goals (.963), while stretching his consecutive FG streak to 26 in a row, the second best mark in NFL history. On defense, LB Jessie Tuggle led the team in tackles for the fifth consecutive season (183). Pro Bowl cornerback Deion Sanders continued to be an impact player, picking off seven passes while shutting down the league's top receivers. Third-year RB Erric Pegram more than made a name for himself, rushing for 1,185 yards, the fourth highest total in '93.

June Jones Named Coach
Jan. 24, 1994

June Jones III is named the Falcons' 10th head coach, replacing Jerry Glanville, who resigned following the 1993 season.

Falcons lose long-time friend
Nov. 3, 1994

Whitey Zimmerman, the Falcons original equipment manager since 1966, passes away. Always a constant in the locker room, "Zeke" will always be remembered as former Falcon Tommy Nobis stated, the "Original Falcon."

111 Catches!
Dec. 24, 1994

Terance Mathis closes out a brilliant season against Arizona, finishing the '94 campaign with a club-record 111 receptions, the 4th highest total of all-time. His 1,342 receiving yards ranks second on Atlanta's all-time charts. For his efforts, he is voted to '95 Pro Bowl.

Mike Kenn Retires
Dec. 24, 1994

Offensive lineman Mike Kenn finally closes out 17-year NFL career after being drafted by the Falcons in 1978. His last game against Arizona was his 251st game played, ranking 6th on the NFL's all-time list. He played in five Pro Bowls and all six of Atlanta's playoff games.

Falcons Land Morten Andersen
July 21, 1995

The birds kick off camp by signing Morten Andersen, one of the best kickers in NFL history. Andersen, a long-time Falcons nemisis with New Orleans, had been cut by the Saints, who wanted to re-work his contract. The Falcons act swiftly by waiving Norm Johnson and bringing in the former Saint.

I-85 Rivaly Begins
Sept. 3, 1995

The new Carolina Panthers make NFL debut in Georgia Dome and jump out to a 10-0 lead. Atlanta then takes over, building a 20-13 lead on first drive of third quarter. But, Carolina hits on a 44-yard bomb with 26 seconds left to force overtime. The Falcons register their record-tying 9th QB sack of the game, forcing a fumble, and go on to quickly kick the game-winning 35-yard field goal.

Sweet Revenge!
Sept. 17, 1995

Morten Andersen goes against his former team for the first time as a Falcon and boots the game-winning field goal from 21-yards out in overtime at the Superdome.

Morten Sets NFL Record
Dec. 10, 1995

Morten Andersen beats his old team again, but this time sets another NFL record in the process. Andersen establishes a new League mark with three field goals from beyond 50 yards in one game, including shots from 55, 55, and 51 yards, as Atlanta comes away with a 19-14 victory and sweeps the Saints for the first time since 1985

Playoff Bound!
Dec. 24, 1995

Needing a win to make the playoffs, the Falcons pull off the improbable, defeating the world champion 49ers, 28-27, in front of a frenzied crowd at the Georgia Dome on Christmas eve. Bobby Hebert connects with Terance Mathis on two touchdowns, including the game-winner as Mathis makes an incredible run to the end zone with 1:45 remaining. Hebert was filling in for an injured Jeff George, who was knocked out with a concussion and neck injury just before halftime. Atlanta finishes 7-1 at home, the second best home record in the NFL in '95, tying a club record.

The Ghosts of Lambeau Field
Dec. 31, 1995

The Falcons play in their first playoff game since 1991, but face a hot Packers team who had never lost a post-season game in Lambeau Field. That record stays in tact as Green Bay's balanced offensive attack offsets a 366-yard passing day by Jeff George. The Falcons outgain Green Bay, 360-307, despite the muddy conditions of Lambeau.

Four 1,000-yard Players!
1995 Season

The Falcons establish an NFL record by having four players each gain 1,000 yards, including receivers Eric Metcalf (1,189), Terance Mathis (1,039), Bert Emanuel (1,039), and running back Craig Heyward (1,083). Jeff George, meanwhile, became only the 18th QB in League history to have over 4,000 yards passing (4,143).

Jamal Anderson Hits 1,000
Dec. 15, 1996

RB Jamal Anderson becomes the 7th Falcon in club history to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season, combining for 111 yards against the Rams in Atlanta. Anderson had previously signed a 3-year contract extension on 10-28-96, taking him through the 1999 season.

Jones Let Go As Falcons Coach
Dec. 23, 1996

Head Coach June Jones was fired with two years left on his contract following Atlanta's 3-13 season in 1996. During his three years (1994-96) he compiled a 19-29 record and led the Falcons to a playoff berth in 1995.

Tuggle Hammers Out Extension
Jan. 3, 1997

Jessie Tuggle, fresh off a club-leading 184-tackle season in '96, signs a 2-year contract extension, taking him through the 1999 campaign. Tuggle, a 3-time Pro Bowler, has led the Falcons in tackles for eight sraight seasons.

Dan Reeves Becomes 8th Falcons Coach
Jan. 20, 1997

Dan Reeves becomes the 8th head coach in franchise history, signing a 5-year contract as Exec. VP of Football Operations/Head Coach. He quickly assembles an impressive staff, including Rich Brooks as Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coord. and Hall of Famer Art Shell as Offensive Line Coach.

Falcons Owner Rankin Smith Passes Away
Oct. 26, 1997

Team owner and founder Rankin M. Smith passed away from heart complications just hours before the Falcons were to play a nationally-televised game at Carolina on TNT. The 72-year old was remembered at a Tuesday memorial service as a quiet, behind-the-scenes "pioneer" who helped bring professional sports, and other major contributions, to his beloved city of Atlanta.

Falcons sweep West Coast Trip!
Nov, Dec., 1997

Due to back-to-back west coast trips, the team spent all week practicing in La Jolla, Calif., following its 24-17 win at Seattle to get ready for the Chargers. The extra time saved from not traveling across the country twice in four days translated into a 14-3 win at San Diego.

Falcons finish Season 6-2 Under Reeves
1997 Season

After a difficult 1-7 start, the Falcons went 6-2 in their final eight games to finish 7-9, marking one of the best second-half comebacks in NFL history. QB Chris Chandler came on strong and ranked second in the NFL in QB rating (95.1) behind Steve Young en route to his first Pro Bowl appearance, joining teammate Jessie Tuggle. The real story of the season, however, was the tremendous play of the defensive line, which established a club-record 55 sacks to rank 2nd in the NFL. Chuck Smith (12.0 sacks) and Travis Hall (10.5 sacks) led the charge.

PRESEASON RESULTS

(OVERALL RECORD: 54-75-1)

1966 (1-4)

Philadelphia at Atlanta (20,072) 7-9
Atlanta at St. Louis (34,303) 10-20
NY Giants at Atlanta 7-14
(Nashville - 20,945)
Cleveland at Atlanta (48,548) 3-42
San Francisco vs. Atlanta 24-17
(Columbia - 21,780)

1967 (2-2-1)

Atlanta at New York Giants 10-10
(Ithaca - 20,000)
Atlanta at Miami (50,822) 27-17
Cleveland at Atlanta (52,240) 34-31
Atlanta vs. Minnesota 3-16
(Cleveland - 84,236)
Atlanta at New Orleans (67,486) 14-27

1968 (1-4)

Atlanta vs. Washington 14-16
(Tampa - 42,180)
Atlanta vs. NY Giants 13-17
(Nashville - 14,555)
Atlanta vs. NY Jets 12-27
(Birmingham - 27,406)
NO at Atlanta (49,832) 16-10
Atlanta at Miami (36,122) 13-19

1969 (2-4)

Philadelphia vs. Atlanta 13-7
(Portland - 21,625)
Atlanta at Boston (24,084) 34-16
Washington at Atlanta (56,990) 7-24
Atlanta at New Orleans (69,898) 17-21
Atlanta at Kansas City (37,273) 10-14
Atlanta vs. G.B. (*Canton* - 17,411) 24-38

1970 (4-1)

NY Jets vs. Atlanta 33-7
(Winston-Salem - 19,700)
Atlanta at Washington (35,186) 13-21
Kansas City at Atlanta (56,990) 22-17
Atlanta at Buffalo (30,869) 10-7
Atlanta at Miami (50,259) 20-17

1971 (3-2)

Atlanta at Kansas City (37,403) 10-12
Denver vs. Atlanta 27-10
(Memphis - 22,474)
Buffalo at Atlanta (53,090) 35-24
Atlanta at New England (48,631) 45-35
Atlanta at San Diego (32,555) 14-21

1972 (1-4)

Atlanta at San Diego (41,404) 7-30
Pittsburgh at Atlanta (53,288) 17-31
Atlanta at Miami (75,372) 10-24
New York Jets at Atlanta (37,806) . 3-9
Atlanta at Cincinnati (55,804) 44-14

1973 (2-3)

Baltimore at Atlanta (57,122) 34-10
New England at Atlanta (56,238) 27-10
Cleveland vs. Atlanta 17-20
(Knoxville - 40,831)
Cincinnati at Atlanta (55,863) 20-31
Atlanta at Pittsburgh (50,350) 0-19

1974 (4-2)

Atlanta at Philadelphia (15,379) 23-7
Atlanta at Oakland 16-28
(Berkeley - 34,319)
Cincinnati at Atlanta 7-13
(Grant Field 44,127)
Atlanta at Houston (27,116) 10-6
Baltimore at Atlanta (50,085) 23-7
Atlanta at Denver (43,253) 20-14

1975 (3-3)

Atlanta at Washington (18,444) 16-14
Baltimore vs. Atlanta 10-3
(Lincoln, Neb - 43,097)
Oakland at Atlanta (39,878) 7-22
NY Jets at Atlanta (34,387) 13-16
Buffalo vs. Atlanta 14-16
(Tampa, Fla. - 41,212)
Philadelphia at Atlanta (28,675) 17-14

1976 (2-4)

Washington at Atlanta (38,808) 10-17
Cleveland vs. Atlanta 7-31
(Stillwater, Okla - 24,227)
Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta 3-17
(Jacksonville, Fla. - 11,342)
New England at Atlanta (23,495) 17-28
Baltimore at Atlanta (24,986) 21-7
Atlanta at G.B. (Milw - 54,989) 26-7

1977 (3-3)

Atlanta at St. Louis (24,667) 3-0
NY Jets at Atlanta (28,954) 2-17
Denver at Atlanta (21,239) 2-10
Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta 30-21
(Orlando - 31,123) 30-21
Atlanta at Kansas City (22,748) 24-16
Atlanta New England (41,346) 0-29

1978 (2-2)

Atlanta at N.Y. (31,480) 20-17
Atlanta at Pittsburgh (46,444) 7-13
Philadelphia at Atlanta (51,306) 7-24
Atlanta at Washington (29,487) 10-7

PRESEASON RESULTS

1979 (0-4)

New England at Atlanta (53,228).... 14-37
Atlanta at St. Louis (39,705) 17-42
Washington at Atlanta (52,478)..... 6-16
Atlanta at Green Bay (55,416) 35-45

1980 (1-3)

Atlanta at Seattle (59,555) 10-14
Pittsburgh at Atlanta (55,695) 14-17
Atlanta at San Diego (47,184)..... 9-17
Baltimore at Atlanta (42,983)..... 51-35

1981 (2-3)

Atlanta vs. Cleveland..... 10-24
(Canton, Ohio - 23,921)
Atlanta at Oakland (42,697) 16-17
New York Jets at Atlanta (51,163) . 21-20
Atlanta at Minnesota (42,908) 19-20
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (53,688) 27-7

1982 (2-2)

Minnesota at Atlanta (49,831) 20-17
Atlanta vs. Baltimore 3-34
(Phoenix - 56,748)
Philadelphia at Atlanta (51,175) 24-21
Atlanta at Tampa Bay (62,933) 0-34

1983 (2-2)

Washington at Atlanta (46,052)..... 13-10
Atlanta at Denver (73,199) 10-21
Atlanta at Tampa Bay (57,237) 6-17
Baltimore at Atlanta (37,420)..... 10-7

1984 (1-3)

Atlanta at Minnesota (51,693) 6-37
Atlanta at New Orleans (58,502) 21-31
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (29,610) 52-21
Denver at Atlanta (30,988) 13-24

1985 (2-2)

Washington at Atlanta (30,574)..... 14-17
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (34,040) .. 23-17
Atlanta at G.B. (Milw - 49,703) 24-28
Miami at Atlanta (32,768) 19-17

1986 (2-2)

N.Y. Giants at Atlanta (25,445) 31-24
Atlanta at Tampa Bay (28,797) 20-17
Cleveland at Atlanta (33,637) 21-27
Atlanta at Washington (52,619) 21-29

1987 (1-3)

Buffalo at Atlanta (31,166) 19-14
Atlanta at Kansas City (39,164) ... 10-13
Cleveland at Atlanta (35,960) 3-23
N.E. vs. Atlanta 13-14
(Jacksonville - 59,129)

1988 (2-2)

Atlanta at New England (32,949) 34-30
Kansas City at Atlanta (23,369)..... 13-27
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (18,141) 19-14
Washington at Atlanta 17-34
(Birmingham - 51,400)

1989 (1-3)

Atlanta at Philadelphia (40,145) 17-23
Atlanta at Tampa Bay (28,330) 0-27
New England at Atlanta (21,118).... 7-23
Buffalo vs. Atlanta 36-17
(Jacksonville - 41,813)

1990 (4-0)

Washington at Atlanta 31-27
(Chapel Hill, N.C. - 52,036)
Cincinnati at Atlanta (43,472)..... 34-17
Atlanta at GB (Milwaukee 51,069) 17-14
Atlanta at New England (24,106) 45-14

1991 (2-2)

L.A. Rams at Atlanta 38-17
(Jacksonville 66,531)
Houston at Houston (52,140) 36-7
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (41,983) 7-12
Atlanta at Dallas (53,689) OT 17-20

1992 (1-3)

Atlanta at Cleveland (59,566) 0-7
Atlanta at Tampa Bay (37,000) 28-40
Philadelphia at Atlanta (66,834) 20-10
Buffalo at Atlanta (62,565) 21-27

1993 (1-3)

Miami at Atlanta (51,798) 27-28
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (49,108) 20-10
Atlanta at Philly (54,425) 20-37
Atlanta at Buffalo (51,232) 16-17

1994 (3-2)

Atlanta vs. S.D (23,185). 21-17
(Hall of Fame Game, Canton, Ohio)
Atlanta at Denver (72,231) 16-37
Buffalo at Atlanta (46,595) 27-7
Atlanta at Cleveland (51,602) 7-28
Philadelphia at Atlanta (40,780) 20-12

1995 (2-2)

Atlanta at Philadelphia (43,678) 17-25
Miami at Atlanta (42,579) 37-0
Cleveland at Atlanta (41,813) 19-10
Atlanta at Buffalo (41,765) 14-20

1996 (2-2)

Atlanta at Seattle (30,284) 17-19
Atlanta at Tampa Bay (32,855) 0-16
Oakland at Atlanta (30,553) 27-6
Arizona at Atlanta (29,306) 31-30

1997 (1-3)

Atlanta at Detroit (40,425) 17-20
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (34,219) 17-12
Washington at Atlanta (37,984)..... 31-35
Atlanta at Jacksonville (67,743) 17-26

NFL Post-Season Dates

Jan. 2-3 – Wild-Card Playoff Games
Jan. 9-10 – Divisional Playoff Games
Jan. 17 – AFC & NFC Championships
Jan. 31 – Super Bowl XXXIII, Pro Player Stadium, Miami, FL
Feb. 7 – Pro Bowl, Honolulu, HI

1966 (3-11)

Seventh Place, Eastern Conference

Coach: Norb Hecker

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-11	**Los Angeles**	**14**	**19**	**L**	**54,418**
9-18	at Philadelphia	10	23	L	54,049
9-25	at Detroit	10	28	L	47,615
10-2	**Dallas**	**14**	**47**	**L**	**56,990**
10-9	at Washington	20	33	L	50,116
10-16	**San Francisco**	**7**	**44**	**L**	**54,788**
10-23	at Green Bay	3	56	L	48,623
10-30	**Cleveland**	**17**	**49**	**L**	**57,235**
11-13	**Baltimore**	**7**	**19**	**L**	**58,850**
11-20	at N.Y. Giants	27	16	W	62,746
11-27	at Chicago	6	23	L	44,777
12-4	at Minnesota	20	13	W	37,117
12-11	**St Louis**	**16**	**10**	**W**	**57,169**
12-18	**Pittsburgh**	**33**	**57**	**L**	**56,229**
		204	437		

1967 (1-12-1)

Fourth Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norb Hecker

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-17	at Baltimore	31	38	L	56,715
9-24	at San Francisco	7	38	L	30,207
10-1	at Green Bay	0	23	L	49,467
10-8	**Philadelphia**	**7**	**38**	**L**	**53,868**
10-15	**Washington**	**20**	**20**	**T**	**56,538**
10-22	at Detroit	3	24	L	50,601
10-29	**Minnesota**	**21**	**20**	**W**	**52,859**
11-5	at Dallas	7	37	L	54,751
11-12	**Baltimore**	**7**	**49**	**L**	**58,850**
11-19	**Los Angeles**	**3**	**31**	**L**	**56,871**
11-20	at New Orleans	24	27	L	83,437
12-3	at Los Angeles	3	20	L	46,395
12-10	**San Francisco**	**28**	**34**	**L**	**51,798**
12-17	**Chicago**	**14**	**23**	**L**	**54,107**
		75	422		

1968 (2-12)

Fourth Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin (2-9), Norb Hecker (0-3)

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-14	at Minnesota	7	47	L	45,563
9-22	**Baltimore**	**20**	**28**	**L**	**50,428**
9-29	at San Francisco	13	28	L	27,471
10-6	**Green Bay**	**7**	**38**	**L**	**58,850**
10-13	**New York Giants**	**24**	**21**	**W**	**49,962**
10-20	at Los Angeles	14	27	L	54,443
10-27	at Cleveland	7	30	L	67,723
11-3	**Pittsburgh**	**21**	**41**	**L**	**47,727**
11-10	**Los Angeles**	**10**	**17**	**L**	**53,979**
11-17	at Chicago	16	13	W	44,214
11-24	at St. Louis	12	17	L	43,246
12-1	at Baltimore	0	44	L	60,238
12-8	**Detroit**	**7**	**24**	**L**	**49,437**
12-15	**San Francisco**	**12**	**14**	**L**	**44,977**
		70	389		

1969 (6-8)

Third Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-21	**San Francisco**	**24**	**12**	**W**	**45,940**
9-28	at Los Angeles	7	17	L	58,031
10-5	**Baltimore**	**14**	**21**	**L**	**57,806**
10-12	**Dallas**	**17**	**24**	**L**	**54,833**
10-19	at San Francisco	21	7	W	28,684
10-26	at Green Bay	10	28	L	50,861
11-2	**Los Angeles**	**6**	**38**	**L**	**58,850**
11-9	at Detroit	21	27	L	53,242
11-16	**Chicago**	**48**	**31**	**W**	**53,722**
11-23	at Washington	20	27	L	50,345
11-30	at Baltimore	6	13	L	60,238
12-7	**New Orleans**	**45**	**17**	**W**	**51,021**
12-14	at Philadelphia	27	3	W	60,658
12-21	**Minnesota**	**10**	**3**	**W**	**52,872**
		276	268		

1970 (4-8-2)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl	Opp		
9-20	at New Orleans	14	3	W	77,042
9-27	at Green Bay	24	27	L	56,263
10-4	**San Francisco**	**21**	**20**	**W**	**58,850**
10-11	at Dallas	0	13	L	53,611
10-18	at Denver	10	24	L	50,705
10-25	**New Orleans**	**32**	**14**	**W**	**58,850**
11-1	**Chicago**	**14**	**23**	**L**	**58,850**
11-8	at Los Angeles	10	10	T	67,232
11-15	at Philadelphia	13	13	T	55,425
11-22	**Los Angeles**	**7**	**17**	**L**	**58,850**
11-30	**Miami**	**7**	**20**	**L**	**54,036**
12-6	at San Francisco	20	24	L	41,387
12-13	**Pittsburgh**	**27**	**16**	**W**	**54,162**
12-20	**Minnesota**	**7**	**37**	**L**	**57,992**
		206	261		

1971 (7-6-1)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-19	**San Francisco**	**20**	**17**	**W**	**56,990**
9-26	at Los Angeles	20	20	T	57,895
10-3	at Detroit	38	41	L	54,418
10-10	**St Louis**	**9**	**26**	**L**	**58,850**
10-17	**Los Angeles**	**16**	**24**	**L**	**58,850**
10-24	**New Orleans**	**28**	**6**	**W**	**58,850**
10-31	at Cleveland	31	14	W	76,825
11-7	at Cincinnati	9	6	W	59,604
11-14	**New York Giants**	**17**	**21**	**L**	**58,850**
11-22	**Green Bay**	**28**	**21**	**W**	**58,850**
11-28	at Minnesota	7	24	L	49,784
12-5	**Oakland**	**24**	**13**	**W**	**58,850**
12-12	at San Francisco	3	24	L	44,582
12-19	at New Orleans	24	20	W	75,954
		274	277		

1972 (7-7)

Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-17	at Chicago	37	21	W	55,701
9-24	at New England	20	21	L	60,999
10-1	**Los Angeles**	**31**	**3**	**W**	**58,850**
10-8	**Detroit**	**23**	**26**	**L**	**58,850**
10-15	at New Orleans	21	14	W	66,294
10-22	at Green Bay Mil	10	9	W	47,967
10-29	**San Francisco**	**14**	**49**	**L**	**58,850**
11-5	at Los Angeles	7	20	L	75,081
11-12	**New Orleans**	**36**	**20**	**W**	**58,850**
11-20	at Washington	13	24	L	53,039
11-26	**Denver**	**23**	**20**	**W**	**58,850**
12-3	**Houston**	**20**	**10**	**W**	**58,850**
12-10	at San Francisco	0	20	L	61,214
12-17	**Kansas City**	**14**	**17**	**L**	**58,850**
		269	274		

1973 (9-5)

Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-16	at New Orleans	62	7	W	66,428
9-23	at Los Angeles	0	31	L	64,528
10-1	at Detroit	6	31	L	45,519
10-7	**San Francisco**	**9**	**13**	**L**	**58,850**
10-14	**Chicago**	**46**	**6**	**W**	**58,850**
10-21	at San Diego	41	0	W	41,527
10-28	at San Francisco	17	3	W	56,825
11-4	**Los Angeles**	**15**	**13**	**W**	**58,850**
11-11	at Philadelphia	44	27	W	63,114
11-19	**Minnesota**	**20**	**14**	**W**	**58,850**
11-25	at New York Jets	28	20	W	61,327
12-2	**Buffalo**	**6**	**17**	**L**	**58,850**
12-9	**St. Louis**	**10**	**32**	**L**	**58,850**
12-16	**New Orleans**	**14**	**10**	**W**	**58,850**
		318	224		

1974 (3-11)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm VanBrocklin (2-6); Marion Campbell (1-5)

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-15	**Dallas**	**0**	**24**	**L**	**57,322**
9-22	**San Francisco**	**10**	**16**	**L**	**47,686**
9-29	at New Orleans	13	14	L	62,273
10-6	at N.Y. Giants	14	7	W	50,415
10-13	**Chicago**	**13**	**10**	**W**	**47,835**
10-20	**New Orleans**	**3**	**13**	**L**	**47,127**
10-28	at Pittsburgh	17	24	L	48,094
11-3	at Miami	7	42	L	64,399
11-10	at Los Angeles	0	21	L	70,056
11-17	**Baltimore**	**7**	**17**	**L**	**41,278**
11-24	at San Francisco	0	27	L	45,435
12-1	**Los Angeles**	**7**	**30**	**L**	**18,648**
12-7	at Minnesota	10	23	L	47,105
12-15	**Green Bay**	**10**	**3**	**W**	**10,020**
		111	271		

1975 (4-10)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-21	at St. Louis	20	23	L	42,172
9-28	**Detroit**	**14**	**17**	**L**	**45,218**
10-5	**New Orleans**	**14**	**7**	**W**	**29,444**
10-12	at San Francisco	17	3	W	44,043
10-19	at Los Angeles	7	22	L	64,843
10-26	**Cincinnati**	**14**	**21**	**L**	**45,811**
11-2	at New Orleans	7	23	L	49,342
11-9	at Minnesota	0	38	L	43,751
11-16	**Los Angeles**	**7**	**16**	**L**	**44,595**
11-23	**Denver**	**35**	**21**	**W**	**28,686**
11-30	at Oakland (OT)	34	37	L	50,860
12-7	**Washington**	**27**	**30**	**L**	**52,809**
12-14	**San Francisco**	**31**	**9**	**W**	**38,501**
12-21	at Green Bay	13	22	L	56,267
		240	289		

1976 (4-10)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell (1-4), Pat Peppler (3-6)

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-12	**Los Angeles**	**14**	**30**	**L**	**53,607**
9-19	at Detroit	10	24	L	50,840
9-26	at Chicago	10	0	W	41,029
10-3	**Philadelphia**	**13**	**14**	**L**	**45,535**
10-10	at New Orleans	0	30	L	51,521
10-17	**Cleveland**	**17**	**20**	**L**	**33,364**
10-23	at San Francisco	0	15	L	50,240
10-31	**New Orleans**	**23**	**20**	**W**	**34,127**
11-7	at Seattle	13	30	L	57,985
11-14	**San Francisco**	**21**	**16**	**W**	**20,058**
11-21	**Dallas**	**17**	**10**	**W**	**54,992**
11-28	at Houston	14	20	L	25,838
12-4	at Los Angeles	0	59	L	57,366
12-12	**Green Bay**	**20**	**24**	**L**	**23,436**
		172	312		

1977 (7-7)

Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-18	**Los Angeles**	**17**	**6**	**W**	**55,956**
9-25	at Washington	6	10	L	55,031
10-2	**New York Giants**	**17**	**3**	**W**	**46,374**
10-9	at San Francisco	7	0	W	38,009
10-16	at Buffalo	0	3	L	27,348
10-23	at Chicago	16	10	W	49,407
10-30	**Minnesota**	**7**	**14**	**L**	**59,257**
11-6	**San Francisco**	**3**	**10**	**L**	**46,577**
11-13	**Detroit**	**17**	**6**	**W**	**47,451**
11-20	at New Orleans	20	21	L	43,135
11-27	at Tampa Bay	17	0	W	43,592
12-4	**New England**	**10**	**16**	**L**	**57,911**
12-11	at Los Angeles	7	23	L	52,574
12-18	**New Orleans**	**35**	**7**	**W**	**36,895**
		179	129		

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1978 (9-7)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
NFC Wildcard Team
Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-3	**Houston**	**20**	**14**	**W**	**57,328**
9-10	at Los Angeles	0	10	L	46,201
9-17	**Cleveland**	**16**	**24**	**L**	**56,648**
9-24	at Tampa Bay	9	14	L	58,072
10-1	**New York Giants**	**23**	**20**	**W**	**47,765**
10-8	at Pittsburgh	7	31	L	48,202
10-15	**Detroit**	**14**	**0**	**W**	**51,172**
10-22	at San Francisco	20	17	W	34,133
10-30	**Los Angeles**	**15**	**7**	**W**	**57,250**
11-5	**San Francisco**	**21**	**10**	**W**	**55,468**
11-12	at New Orleans	20	17	W	70,323
11-19	atChicago	7	13	L	46,022
11-26	**New Orleans**	**20**	**17**	**W**	**55,121**
12-3	at Cincinnati	7	37	L	25,601
12-10	**Washington**	**20**	**17**	**W**	**54,176**
12-17	at St Louis	21	42	L	40,022
12-24	**Philly (play)**	**14**	**13**	**W**	**49,447**
12-31	at Dallas (play)	20	27	L	60,338
		240	**290**		

1979 (6-10)
Third Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-2	at N.O. (OT)	40	34	W	70,940
9-10	at Philadelphia	14	10	W	55,935
9-16	**Denver (OT)**	**17**	**20**	**L**	**57,677**
9-23	at Detroit	23	24	L	56,249
9-30	**Washington**	**7**	**16**	**L**	**56,819**
10-7	**Green Bay**	**25**	**7**	**W**	**56,184**
10-14	at Oakland	19	50	L	52,900
10-21	at San Francisco	15	20	L	33,952
10-29	**Seattle**	**28**	**31**	**L**	**52,566**
11-4	**Tampa Bay**	**17**	**14**	**W**	**55,150**
11-11	at NY Giants	3	24	L	60,860
11-19	at Los Angeles	14	20	L	54,097
11-25	**New Orleans**	**6**	**37**	**L**	**42,815**
12-2	at San Diego	28	26	W	50,198
12-9	**Los Angeles**	**13**	**34**	**L**	**49,236**
12-16	**San Francisco**	**31**	**21**	**W**	**37,211**
		300	**388**		

1980 (12-4)
NFC Western Division Champion
Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-7	at Minnesota	23	24	L	44 773
9-14	at New England	37	21	W	48,321
9-21	**Miami**	**17**	**20**	**L**	**54,479**
9-28	at San Francisco	20	17	W	56,518
10-5	**Detroit**	**43**	**28**	**W**	**57,652**
10-12	**New York Jets**	**7**	**14**	**L**	**57,458**
10-19	at New Orleans	41	14	W	62,651
10-26	**Los Angeles**	**13**	**10**	**W**	**57,401**
11-2	at Buffalo	30	14	W	57,959
11-9	at St Louis (OT)	33	27	W	48,662
11-16	**New Orleans**	**31**	**13**	**W**	**53,871**
11-23	**Chicago**	**28**	**17**	**W**	**49,164**
11-30	**Washington**	**10**	**6**	**W**	**55,665**
12-7	at Philadelphia	20	17	W	70,205
12-14	**San Francisco**	**35**	**10**	**W**	**55,767**
12-21	at L.A. (OT)	17	20	L	62,469
1-4	**Dallas**	**27**	**30**	**L**	**60,022**
		405	**272**		

1981 (7-9)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-6	**New Orleans**	**27**	**0**	**W**	**57,406**
9-13	at Green Bay	31	17	W	55,382
9-20	**San Francisco**	**34**	**17**	**W**	**56,653**
9-27	at Cleveland	17	28	L	78,283
10-5	at Philadelphia	13	16	L	71,488
10-11	**Los Angeles**	**35**	**37**	**L**	**57,841**
10-18	**St Louis**	**41**	**20**	**W**	**51,428**
10-25	**N.Y. Giants (OT)**	**24**	**27**	**L**	**48,410**
11-1	at New Orleans	41	10	W	63,637
11-8	at San Francisco	14	17	L	59,127
11-15	**Pittsburgh**	**20**	**34**	**L**	**57,485**
11-23	**Minnesota**	**31**	**30**	**W**	**54,086**
11-29	at Houston	31	27	W	40,201
12-6	at Tampa Bay	23	24	L	69,221
12-14	at Los Angeles	16	21	L	57,054
12-20	**Cincinnati**	**28**	**30**	**L**	**35,972**
		426	**355**		

1982 (5-4)
Fifth Place, NFC #
Coach Leeman Bennett

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-12	at NY Giants	16	14	W	74,286
9-19	**L.A. Raiders**	**14**	**38**	**L**	**54,774**
11-21	**L.A. Rams**	**34**	**17**	**W**	**39,686**
11-28	**St Louis**	**20**	**23**	**L**	**33,411**
12-5	at Denver	34	17	W	75,103
12-12	**New Orleans**	**35**	**0**	**W**	**39,535**
12-19	at San Francisco	17	7	W	53,234
12-26	**Green Bay**	**7**	**38**	**L**	**50,245**
1-2	at New Orleans	6	35	L	47,336
	* at Minnesota	24	30	L	60,560
		183	**199**		

* NFC Playofs
\# No Division titles declared

1983 (7-9)
Fourth Place, NFC West
Coach: Dan Henning

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-4	at Chicago	20	17	W	60,165
9-11	**N.Y. Giants (OT)**	**13**	**16**	**L**	**52,850**
9-18	at Detroit	30	14	W	54,622
9-25	at San Francisco	20	24	L	57,814
10-2	**Philadelphia**	**24**	**28**	**L**	**50,621**
10-9	**New Orleans**	**17**	**19**	**L**	**51,654**
10-16	at L.A. Rams	21	27	L	50,404
10-23	at NY Jets	27	21	W	46,878
10-30	**New England**	**24**	**13**	**W**	**47,546**
11-6	at New Orleans	10	27	L	67,062
11-14	**L.A. Rams**	**13**	**36**	**L**	**31,203**
11-20	**San Francisco**	**28**	**24**	**W**	**32,782**
11-27	**GreenBay (OT)**	**47**	**41**	**W**	**35,688**
12-4	at Washington	21	37	L	52,074
12-10	at Miami	24	31	L	56,725
12-18	**Buffalo**	**31**	**14**	**W**	**31,015**
		370	**389**		

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1984 (4-12)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Dan Henning

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-2	at New Orleans	36	28	W	66,652
9-9	**Detroit (OT)**	**24**	**27**	**L**	**49,878**
9-16	at Minnesota	20	27	L	53,955
9-23	**Houston**	**42**	**10**	**W**	**45,248**
9-30	at San Francisco	5	14	L	57,990
10-7	at Los Angeles	30	28	W	47,832
10-14	**NY Giants**	**7**	**19**	**L**	**50,268**
10-22	**Los Angeles**	**10**	**24**	**L**	**52,861**
10-28	at Pittsburgh	10	35	L	55,971
11-5	at Washington	14	27	L	51,301
11-11	**New Orleans**	**13**	**17**	**L**	**40,590**
11-18	**Cleveland**	**7**	**23**	**L**	**28,280**
11-25	at Cincinnati	14	35	L	44,678
12-2	**San Francisco**	**17**	**35**	**L**	**29,644**
12-9	at Tampa Bay	6	23	L	33,808
12-16	**Philadelphia**	**26**	**10**	**W**	**15,582**
		281	382		

1985 (4-12)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Dan Henning

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-8	**Detroit**	**27**	**28**	**L**	**37,785**
9-15	at San Francisco	16	35	L	58,923
9-22	**Denver**	**28**	**44**	**L**	**37,903**
9-29	at L.A. Rams	6	17	L	49,870
10-6	**San Francisco**	**17**	**38**	**L**	**44,740**
10-13	at Seattle	26	30	L	60,430
10-20	**New Orleans**	**31**	**24**	**W**	**44,784**
10-27	at Dallas	10	24	L	57,941
11-3	**Washington**	**10**	**44**	**L**	**42,209**
11-10	at Philly (OT)	17	23	L	63,694
11-17	**L.A. Rams**	**30**	**14**	**W**	**29,960**
11-24	at Chicago	0	36	L	65,790
12-1	**L.A. Raiders**	**24**	**34**	**L**	**20,585**
12-8	at Kansas City	10	38	L	18,199
12-15	**Minnesota**	**14**	**13**	**W**	**14,167**
12-22	at New Orleans	16	10	W	37,717
		282	452		

1986 (7-8-1)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Dan Henning

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-7	at New Orleans	31	10	W	67,950
9-14	**St Louis**	**33**	**13**	**W**	**46,463**
9-21	at Dallas	37	35	W	62,880
9-28	at T.B. (OT)	23	20	W	38,950
10-5	**Philadelphia**	**0**	**16**	**L**	**57,104**
10-12	**L.A. Rams**	**26**	**14**	**W**	**51,662**
10-19	**S.F. (OT)**	**10**	**10**	**T**	**55,306**
10-26	at L.A. Rams	7	14	L	56,993
11-2	at New England	17	25	L	60,597
11-9	**NY Jets**	**14**	**28**	**L**	**53,476**
11-16	**Chicago**	**10**	**13**	**L**	**55,520**
11-23	at San Francisco	0	20	L	58,747
11-30	at Miami	20	14	W	53,762
12-7	**Indianapolis**	**23**	**28**	**L**	**30,397**
12-14	**New Orleans**	**9**	**14**	**L**	**39,994**
12-21	at Detroit	20	6	W	35,255
		280	280		

1987 (3-12)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-13	at Tampa Bay	10	48	L	51,250
9-20	**Washington**	**21**	**20**	**W**	**50,882**
9-27	at New Orleans (cancelled)				
10-4	**Pittsburgh**	**12**	**28**	**L**	**16,667**
10-11	**San Francisco***	**17**	**25**	**L**	**8,684**
10-18	**Los Angeles**	**24**	**20**	**W**	**15,813**
10-25	at Houston	33	37	L	29,062
11-1	**New Orleans**	**0**	**38**	**L**	**42,196**
11-8	at Cleveland	3	38	L	71,135
11-15	**Cincinnati**	**10**	**16**	**L**	**25,758**
11-22	at Minnesota	13	24	L	53,866
11-29	**St Louis**	**21**	**34**	**L**	**15,909**
12-6	at Dallas	21	10	W	40,103
12-13	at Los Angeles	0	33	L	43,310
12-20	at San Francisco*	7	35	L	54,698
12-27	**Detroit**	**13**	**30**	**L**	**13,906**
		205	436		

** Site change due to baseball playoffs*

1988 (5-11)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-4	at Detroit	17	31	L	31,075
9-11	**New Orleans**	**21**	**29**	**L**	**48,901**
9-18	at San Francisco	34	17	W	60,168
9-25	at Dallas	20	26	L	39,702
10-2	**Seattle**	**20**	**31**	**L**	**28,619**
10-9	**L.A. Rams**	**0**	**33**	**L**	**30,852**
10-16	at Denver	14	30	L	75,287
10-23	**NY Giants**	**16**	**23**	**L**	**45,092**
10-30	at Philadelphia	27	24	W	60,091
11-6	**Green Bay**	**20**	**0**	**W**	**29,952**
11-13	**San Diego**	**7**	**10**	**L**	**26,329**
11-20	at L.A. Raiders	12	6	W	40,967
11-27	**Tampa Bay**	**17**	**10**	**W**	**14,020**
12-4	**San Francisco**	**3**	**13**	**L**	**44,048**
12-11	at L.A. Rams	7	22	L	42,828
12-18	at New Orleans	9	10	L	60,566
		244	315		

1989 (3-13)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell (3-9), Jim Hanifan (0-4)

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-10	**L.A. Rams**	**21**	**31**	**L**	**38,708**
9-17	**Dallas**	**27**	**21**	**W**	**55,285**
9-24	at Indianapolis	9	13	L	57,816
10-1	at Green Bay	21	23	L	54,647
10-8	at L.A. Rams	14	26	L	52,182
10-15	**New England**	**16**	**15**	**W**	**39,697**
10-22	at Phoenix	20	34	L	33,894
10-29	at New Orleans	13	20	L	65,153
11-5	**Buffalo**	**30**	**28**	**W**	**45,267**
11-12	at San Francisco	3	45	L	59,914
11-19	**New Orleans**	**17**	**26**	**L**	**53,173**
11-26	at New York Jets	7	27	L	40,429
12-3	**San Francisco**	**10**	**23**	**L**	**43,128**
12-10	at Minnesota	17	43	L	58,116
12-17	**Washington**	**30**	**31**	**L**	**37,501**
12-24	**Detroit**	**24**	**31**	**L**	**7,792**
		279	437		

YEAR-BY-YEAR SCORES

1990 (5-11)
Fourth Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Jerry Glanville

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-9	**Houston**	**47**	**27**	**W**	**56,222**
9-16	at Detroit	14	21	L	48,961
9-23	at San Francisco	13	19	L	62,858
10-7	**New Orleans**	**28**	**27**	**W**	**57,401**
10-14	**San Francisco**	**35**	**45**	**L**	**57,921**
10-21	at L.A. Rams	24	44	L	54,761
10-28	**Cincinnati**	**38**	**17**	**W**	**53,214**
11-4	at Pittsburgh	9	21	L	57,093
11-11	at Chicago	24	30	L	62,855
11-18	**Philadelphia**	**23**	**24**	**L**	**53,755**
11-25	at New Orleans	7	10	L	68,629
12-2	at Tampa Bay	17	23	L	42,839
12-9	**Phoenix**	**13**	**24**	**L**	**36,222**
12-16	at Cleveland	10	13	L	46,536
12-23	**L.A. Rams**	**20**	**13**	**W**	**30,021**
12-30	**Dallas**	**26**	**7**	**W**	**50,097**
		348	**365**		

1991 (10-6)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
NFC Wild Card Team
Coach: Jerry Glanville

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-1	at Kansas City	3	14	L	74,246
9-8	**Minnesota**	**19**	**20**	**L**	**50,936**
9-15	at San Diego	13	10	W	44,804
9-22	**L.A. Raiders**	**21**	**17**	**W**	**53,615**
9-29	**New Orleans**	**6**	**27**	**L**	**56,556**
10-13	at San Francisco*	39	34	W	57,343
10-20	at Phoenix	10	16	L	24,124
10-27	**L.A. Rams**	**31**	**14**	**W**	**50,187**
***11-3**	**San Francisco**	**17**	**14**	**W**	**51,259**
11-10	at Washington	17	56	L	52,641
11-17	**Tampa Bay**	**43**	**7**	**W**	**41,274**
11-24	at N.O. (OT)	23	20	W	68,591
12-1	**Green Bay**	**35**	**31**	**W**	**43,270**
12-8	at L.A. Rams	31	14	W	35,315
12-15	**Seattle**	**26**	**13**	**W**	**55,834**
12-22	at Dallas	27	31	L	60,962
12-29	at New Orleans	27	20	W	68,794
1-4-92	at Washington	7	24	L	55,181
		361	**438**		

** Site change due to baseball playoffs*

1992 (6-10)
Third Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Jerry Glanville

Date:		Atl.	Opp.		
9-6	**NY Jets**	**20**	**17**	**W**	**65,585**
9-13	at Washington	17	24	L	54,343
9-20	**New Orleans**	**7**	**10**	**L**	**67,328**
9-27	at Chicago	31	41	L	63,528
10-4	**Green Bay**	**24**	**10**	**W**	**63,769**
10-11	at Miami	17	21	L	68,633
10-18	at San Francisco	17	56	L	63,302
11-1	**L.A. Rams**	**30**	**28**	**W**	**62,168**
11-9	**San Francisco**	**3**	**41**	**L**	**67,404**
11-15	**Phoenix**	**20**	**17**	**W**	**58,477**
11-22	at Buffalo	14	41	L	80,004
11-29	**New England**	**34**	**0**	**W**	**54,494**
12-3	at New Orleans	14	22	L	68,591
12-13	at Tampa Bay	35	7	W	39,056
12-21	**Dallas**	**17**	**41**	**L**	**67,036**
12-27	at L.A. Rams	27	38	L	37,706
		327	**414**		

1993 (6-10)
Third Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Jerry Glanville

Date:		Atl.	Opp.		
9-5	at Detroit	13	30	L	56,216
9-12	**New Orleans**	**31**	**34**	**L**	**64,287**
9-19	at San Francisco	30	37	L	63,032
9-27	**Pittsburgh**	**17**	**45**	**L**	**65,477**
10-3	at Chicago	0	6	L	57,441
10-14	**L.A. Rams**	**30**	**24**	**W**	**45,231**
10-24	at New Orleans	26	15	W	69,043
10-31	**Tampa Bay**	**24**	**31**	**L**	**50,647**
11-14	at L.A. Rams	13	0	W	37,073
11-21	**Dallas**	**27**	**14**	**W**	**67,337**
11-28	**Cleveland**	**17**	**14**	**W**	**54,510**
12-05	at Houston	17	33	L	58,186
12-11	**San Francisco**	**27**	**24**	**W**	**64,688**
12-19	at Washington	17	30	L	50,192
12-26	at Cincinnati	17	21	L	27,014
01-02	**Phoenix**	**10**	**27**	**L**	**44,360**
		316	**385**		

1994 (7-9)
Third Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: June Jones

Date:		Atl.	Opp.		
9-4	at Detroit (OT)	28	31	L	60,740
9-11	**L.A. Rams**	**31**	**13**	**W**	**55,378**
9-18	**Kansas City**	**10**	**30**	**L**	**67,357**
9-25	at Washington	27	20	W	53,238
10-2	at L.A. Rams	8	5	W	34,599
10-9	**Tampa Bay**	**34**	**13**	**W**	**52,633**
10-16	**San Francisco**	**3**	**42**	**L**	**67,298**
10-23	at L.A. Raiders	17	30	L	42,192
11-6	**San Diego**	**10**	**9**	**W**	**59,217**
11-13	at New Orleans	32	33	L	60,313
11-20	at Denver	28	32	L	70,594
11-27	**Philadelphia**	**28**	**21**	**W**	**60,008**
12-4	at San Francisco	14	50	L	60,549
12-11	**New Orleans**	**20**	**29**	**L**	**61,307**
12-21	at Green Bay	17	21	L	54,885
12-27	**Arizona**	**10**	**6**	**W**	**35,311**
		317	**385**		

1995 (9-7)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
NFC Wildcard Team
Coach: June Jones

Date:		Atl.	Opp.		
9-4	**Carolina (OT)**	**23**	**20**	**W**	**58,808**
9-10	at San Francisco	10	41	L	63,627
9-17	at N.O. (OT)	27	24	W	57,442
9-24	**N.Y. Jets**	**13**	**3**	**W**	**40,778**
10-1	**New England**	**30**	**17**	**W**	**47,114**
10-12	at St. Louis	19	21	L	59,700
10-22	at Tampa Bay	24	21	W	66,135
10-29	**Dallas**	**13**	**28**	**L**	**70,089**
11-5	**Detroit**	**34**	**22**	**W**	**49,619**
11-12	at Buffalo	17	23	L	62,690
11-19	**St. Louis**	**31**	**6**	**W**	**46,309**
11-26	at Arizona (OT)	37	40	L	35,147
12-3	at Miami	20	21	L	63,395
12-10	**New Orleans**	**19**	**14**	**W**	**54,603**
12-17	at Carolina	17	21	L	53,833
12-24	**San Francisco**	**28**	**27**	**W**	**51,785**
12-31	at Green Bay	20	37	L	60,453
		362	**349**		

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1996 (3-13)
Fourth Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: June Jones

Date:		Atl.	Opp.		
9-1	at Carolina	6	29	L	69,522
9-8	**Minnesota**	**17**	**23**	**L**	**42,688**
9-22	**Philadelphia**	**18**	**33**	**L**	**40,107**
9-29	at San Francisco	17	39	L	62,995
10-6	at Detroit	24	28	L	58,666
10-13	**Houston**	**13**	**23**	**L**	**35,401**
10-20	at Dallas	28	32	L	64,091
10-27	**Pittsburgh**	**17**	**20**	**L**	**58,760**
11-3	**Carolina**	**20**	**17**	**W**	**42,726**
11-10	at St. Louis	16	59	L	58,776
11-17	**New Orleans**	**17**	**15**	**W**	**43,119**
11-24	at Cincinnati	31	41	L	44,868
12-2	**San Francisco**	**10**	**34**	**L**	**46,318**
12-8	at New Orleans	31	15	W	32,923
12-15	**St. Louis**	**27**	**34**	**L**	**26,519**
12-22	at Jacksonville	17	19	L	71,449
		309	461		

1997 (7-9)
Third Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Dan Reeves

Date:		Atl.	Opp.		
8-31	at Detroit	17	28	L	61,244
9-7	**Carolina**	**6**	**9**	**L**	**51,829**
9-14	**Oakland**	**31**	**36**	**L**	**47,922**
9-21	at San Francisco	7	34	L	60,404
9-28	**Denver**	**21**	**29**	**L**	**48,211**
10-12	at New Orleans	23	17	W	65,619
10-19	**San Francisco**	**28**	**35**	**L**	**53,378**
10-26	at Carolina	12	21	L	54,675
11-2	**St. Louis**	**34**	**31**	**W**	**36,583**
11-9	**Tampa Bay**	**10**	**31**	**L**	**46,018**
11-16	at St. Louis	27	21	W	64,299
11-23	**New Orleans**	**20**	**3**	**W**	**48,620**
11-30	at Seattle	24	17	W	52,584
12-7	at San Diego	14	3	W	46,317
12-14	**Philadelphia**	**20**	**17**	**W**	**42,866**
12-21	at Arizona	26	29	L	32,003
		320	361		

1998 NFL SCHEDULE

1998 NFL Schedule (All Times Local)

WEEK 1

Sunday, September 6

CBS-TV National Weekend

Arizona at Dallas 3:05
Atlanta at Carolina 1:01
Buffalo at San Diego 1:15
Detroit at Green Bay 12:01
Jacksonville at Chicago 12:01
Miami at Indianapolis 3:15
New Orleans at St. Louis 12:01
New York Jets at San Francisco 1:15
Pittsburgh at Baltimore 1:01
Seattle at Philadelphia 1:01
Tampa Bay at Minnesota 12:01
Tennessee at Cincinnati 1:01
Washington at New York Giants .. 1:01
Oakland at Kansas City (ESPN) 7:20

Monday, September 7

New England at Denver (ABC) 6:20

WEEK 2

(Sunday, September 13)

FOX-TV National Weekend

Arizona at Seattle 1:15
Baltimore at New York Jets 1:01
Buffalo at Miami 1:01
Carolina at New Orleans 12:01
Chicago at Pittsburgh 1:01
Cincinnati at Detroit 1:01
Dallas at Denver 2:15
Kansas City at Jacksonville 1:01
Minnesota at St. Louis 12:01
New York Giants at Oakland 1:15
Philadelphia at Atlanta 1:01
San Diego at Tennessee 12:01
Tampa Bay at Green Bay 12:01
Indianapolis at N.E. (ESPN) 8:20

Monday, September 14

S.F. at Washington(ABC) 8:20

WEEK 3

Sunday, September 20

(*Open Dates: Atlanta, Carolina, New Orleans, San Francisco*)

CBS-TV National Weekend

Baltimore at Jacksonville 4:15
Chicago at Tampa Bay 4:05
Denver at Oakland 1:15
Detroit at Minnesota 12:01
Green Bay at Cincinnati 1:01
Indianapolis at New York Jets 1:01
Pittsburgh at Miami 1:01
St. Louis at Buffalo 1:01
San Diego at Kansas City 12:01
Tennessee at New England 1:01
Washington at Seattle 1:05
Philly at Arizona (ESPN) 5:20

Monday, September 21
Dallas at New York Giants (ABC) . 8:20

WEEK 4
Sunday, September 27
(*Open Dates: Buffalo, Miami, New England, New York Jets*)
FOX-TV National Weekend
Arizona at St. Louis 12:01
Atlanta at San Francisco 1:15
Denver at Washington 1:01
Green Bay at Carolina 1:01
Jacksonville at Tennessee 12:01
Kansas City at Philadelphia 1:01
Minnesota at Chicago 3:15
New Orleans at Indianapolis 12:01
New York Giants at San Diego 1:15
Oakland at Dallas 12:01
Seattle at Pittsburgh 4:05
Cincinnati at Baltimore (ESPN) ... 8:20

Monday, September 28
Tampa Bay at Detroit (ABC) 8:20

WEEK 5
Sunday, October 4
(*Open Dates: Baltimore, Cincinnati, Jacksonville, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Tennessee*)
FOX-TV National Weekend
Carolina at Atlanta 1:01
Dallas at Washington 1:01
Detroit at Chicago 12:01
Miami at New York Jets 1:01
New England at New Orleans 12:01
New York Giants at Tampa Bay 4:15
Oakland at Arizona 1:05
Philadelphia at Denver 2:15
San Diego at Indianapolis 12:01
San Francisco at Buffalo 1:01
Seattle at Kansas City (ESPN) 7:20

Monday, October 5
Minnesota at Green Bay (ABC) 7:20

WEEK 6
Sunday, October 11
(*Open Dates: Detroit, Green Bay, Minnesota, Tampa Bay*)
CBS-TV National Weekend
Buffalo at Indianapolis 12:01
Carolina at Dallas 12:01
Chicago at Arizona 1:05
Denver at Seattle 1:15
Kansas City at New England 1:01
New York Jets at St. Louis 3:15
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 1:01
San Diego at Oakland 1:15
San Francisco at New Orleans 12:01
Tennessee at Baltimore 1:01
Washington at Philadelphia 1:01
Atlanta at N.Y. Giants (ESPN) 8:20

Monday, October 12
Miami at Jacksonville (ABC) 8:20

WEEK 7
Thursday, October 15
(*Open Dates: Denver, Kansas City, Oakland, Seattle*)
FOX-TV National Weekend
Green Bay at Detroit (ESPN) 8:20

Sunday, October 18
Arizona at New York Giants 1:01
Baltimore at Pittsburgh 1:01
Carolina at Tampa Bay 1:01
Cincinnati at Tennessee 12:01
Dallas at Chicago 3:15
Indianapolis at San Francisco 1:05
Jacksonville at Buffalo 1:01
New Orleans at Atlanta 1:01
Philadelphia at San Diego 1:15
St. Louis at Miami 4:15
Washington at Minnesota 12:01

Monday, October 19
N.Y. Jets at New England (ABC) ... 8:20

WEEK 8
Sunday, October 25
(*Open Dates: Arizona, Dallas, Indianapolis, New York Giants, Philadelphia, Washington*)
CBS-TV National Weekend
Atlanta at New York Jets 1:01
Baltimore at Green Bay 12:01
Chicago at Tennessee 3:05
Cincinnati at Oakland 1:15
Jacksonville at Denver 2:15
Minnesota at Detroit 1:01
New England at Miami 1:01

San Francisco at St. Louis 12:01
Seattle at San Diego 1:15
Tampa Bay at New Orleans 12:01
Buffalo at Carolina (ESPN) 8:20

Monday, October 26
Pittsburgh at Kansas City (ABC) 7:20

WEEK 9
Sunday, November 1
(*Open Dates: Chicago, San Diego*)
FOX-TV National Weekend
Arizona at Detroit 1:01
Denver at Cincinnati 1:01
Jacksonville at Baltimore 1:01
Miami at Buffalo 1:01
Minnesota at Tampa Bay 1:01
New England at Indianapolis 1:01
New Orleans at Carolina 1:01
N.Y. Giants at Washington 1:01
New York Jets at Kansas City 3:05
St. Louis at Atlanta 1:01
San Francisco at Green Bay 3:15
Tennessee at Pittsburgh 1:01
Oakland at Seattle (ESPN) 5:20

Monday, November 2
Dallas at Philadelphia (ABC) 8:20

WEEK 10
Sunday, November 8
CBS-TV National Weekend
Atlanta at New England 1:01
Buffalo at New York Jets 4:15
Carolina at San Francisco 1:01
Cincinnati at Jacksonville 1:01
Detroit at Philadelphia 1:01
Indianapolis at Miami 1:01
Kansas City at Seattle 1:15
New Orleans at Minnesota 12:01
New York Giants at Dallas 12:01
Oakland at Baltimore 1:01
St. Louis at Chicago 12:01
San Diego at Denver 2:15
Washington at Arizona 2:05
Tennessee at Tampa Bay ESPN) 8:20

Monday, November 9
Green Bay at Pittsburgh (ABC) .. 8:20

WEEK 11
Sunday, November 15
FOX-TV National Weekend
Baltimore at San Diego 1:05
Cincinnati at Minnesota 12:01
Dallas at Arizona 2:15
Green Bay at N.Y. Giants 4:15
Miami at Carolina 1:01
New England at Buffalo 1:01
New York Jets at Indianapolis ... 1:01
Philadelphia at Washington 1:01
Pittsburgh at Tennessee 12:01
St. Louis at New Orleans 12:01
San Francisco at Atlanta 1:01
Seattle at Oakland 1:05
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville 4:15
Chicago at Detroit (ESPN) 8:20

Monday, November 16
Denver at Kansas City (ABC) 7:20

WEEK 12
Sunday, November 22
CBS-TV National Weekend
Arizona at Washington 1:01
Baltimore at Cincinnati 4:15
Carolina at St. Louis 3:05
Chicago at Atlanta 1:01
Detroit at Tampa Bay 1:01
Green Bay at Minnesota 12:01
Indianapolis at Buffalo 1:01
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh 1:01
Kansas City at San Diego 1:15
New York Jets at Tennessee 3:15
Oakland at Denver 2:15
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants 1:01
Seattle at Dallas 12:01
New Orleans at S.F. (ESPN) 5:20

Monday, November 23
Miami at New England (ABC) ... 8:20

WEEK 13
Thursday, November 26
FOX-TV National Weekend
Minnesota at Dallas (FOX) 3:05
Pittsburgh at Detroit (CBS) 12:35

Sunday, November 29
Arizona at Kansas City 12:01
Atlanta at St. Louis 12:01
Buffalo at New England 4:05

Carolina at New York Jets 1:01
Indianapolis at Baltimore 1:01
Jacksonville at Cincinnati 1:01
New Orleans at Miami 1:01
Philadelphia at Green Bay 3:15
Tampa Bay at Chicago 12:01
Tennessee at Seattle 1:05
Washington at Oakland 1:15
Denver at San Diego (ESPN) 5:20

Monday, November 30
N.Y. Giants at San Fran (ABC) 5:20

WEEK 14
Thursday, December 3
CBS-TV National Weekend
St. Louis at Philadelphia (ESPN) ... 8:20

Sunday, December 6
Baltimore at Tennessee 3:15
Buffalo at Cincinnati 1:01
Dallas at New Orleans 12:01
Detroit at Jacksonville 1:01
Indianapolis at Atlanta 1:01
Kansas City at Denver 2:15
Miami at Oakland 1:15
New England at Pittsburgh 1:01
New York Giants at Arizona 2:05
San Diego at Washington 1:01
San Francisco at Carolina 1:01
Seattle at New York Jets 1:01
Chicago at Minnesota (ESPN) 7:20

Monday, December 7
Green Bay at Tampa Bay (ABC) 8:20

WEEK 15
Sunday, December 13
FOX-TV National Weekend
Arizona at Philadelphia 1:01
Atlanta at New Orleans 12:01
Chicago at Green Bay 12:01
Cincinnati at Indianapolis 1:01
Dallas at Kansas City 3:15
Denver at New York Giants 1:01
Minnesota at Baltimore 4:15
New England at St. Louis 12:01
Oakland at Buffalo 1:01
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay 1:01
San Diego at Seattle 1:05
Tennessee at Jacksonville 1:01
Washington at Carolina 1:01
New York Jets at Miami (ESPN) 8:20

Monday, December 14
Detroit at San Francisco (ABC) . 5:20

WEEK 16
Saturday, December 19
FOX-TV National Weekend
New York Jets at Buffalo (CBS) .. 12:35
T.B. at Washington (FOX) 4:05

Sunday, December 20
Atlanta at Detroit 1:01
Baltimore at Chicago 12:01
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 1:01
Indianapolis at Seattle 1:05
Kansas City at New York Giants 1:01
New Orleans at Arizona 2:15
Oakland at San Diego 1:05
Philadelphia at Dallas 3:15
St. Louis at Carolina 1:01
San Francisco at New England .. 1:01
Tennessee at Green Bay 12:01
Jacksonville at Minn (ESPN) 7:20

Monday, December 21
Denver at Miami (ABC) 8:20

WEEK 17
Saturday, December 26
CBS-TV National Weekend
Kansas City at Oakland (CBS) ... 1:05
Minnesota at Tennessee (FOX) . 11:35

Sunday, December 27
Buffalo at New Orleans 12:01
Carolina at Indianapolis 1:01
Detroit at Baltimore 1:01
Green Bay at Chicago 12:01
Miami at Atlanta 1:01
New England at New York Jets .. 1:01
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia 4:05
St. Louis at San Francisco 1:05
San Diego at Arizona 2:15
Seattle at Denver 2:15
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati 1:01
Washington at Dallas (ESPN) 7:20

Monday, December 28
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville (ABC) 8:20

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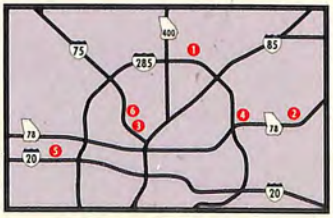

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